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Meetings for Field Service

JANUARY 4-10

With current offer

1. Which book will you use?
2. What point will you feature?

JANUARY 11-17

When householders express themselves

1. Why should we listen?
2. How can we use their expressions?

JANUARY 18-24

Offering new tracts

1. Which one will you feature?
2. How can you arrange for a return visit?

JANUARY 25-31

In inclement weather, how can you

1. Still work from house-to-house?
2. Tactfully try to get invited in?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Religion That Has Real Value.

2 Tim. 3:1, 2, 5—A mere form of worship is not enough.

John 4:23—Religion that God approves.

Sowing Kingdom Seed

[1] Psalm 126:6 speaks of sowing literal seed and says: "The one that without fail goes forth, . . . carrying along a bagful of seed, will without fail come in with a joyful cry, carrying along his sheaves." At Ecclesiastes 11:6 the sower of seed is encouraged with the words: "In the morning sow your seed and until the evening do not let your hand rest; for you are not knowing where this will have success, either here or there, or whether both of them will alike be good."

[2] When we share in the field ministry we, too, in effect carry a bagful of seed but of a spiritual kind. The effectiveness of our sowing spiritual seed is enhanced by literature that features the Kingdom good news. This literature discusses subjects of concern to many persons and shows how vital it is for them to learn about the Kingdom good news. Jehovah, through the faithful slave, has provided us with a fine supply of Bible literature to use in the work of sowing Kingdom seed during this time of the end.

AN ABUNDANT SUPPLY

[3] In our field ministry during January, we will be featuring some of the older publications that have proved to be effective in helping people to grow spiritually, including *Choosing, Commentary on James, "Eternal Purpose," Evolution* (old edition), *Good News, Holy Spirit, Peace and Security* (old edition), *This Life, Truth,* and *World Government.* You may offer any two of these publications for $1.00. Some may find it beneficial to offer four or more of these publications to those they meet in their ministry.

PREPARATION ESSENTIAL

[4] Take a few minutes to review the contents of the older publications that are available to you for field service. You will find that *This Life* discusses such subjects as "Can You Talk with the Dead?" "How Did Old Age and Death Come About?" and "Why Many Now Living Have Opportunity Never to Die."

[5] Some may appreciate having a verse-by-verse commentary on the book of James, and this is available in the *Commentary on James.* In offering the *Choosing* book, you may find it effective to read the statement from the publishers on page 2: "Many sincere persons would like to find a way of life that brings peace and contentment now and assures the enjoyment of a secure future. This book has been published in the hope that it will aid honest-hearted ones to identify the truly superior

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Helping New Publishers

[1] Jehovah continues to bless his people by bringing in "the desirable things of all the nations." (Hag. 2:7) Thus, many new ones are joining with us in true worship. Last service year saw an increase of over 45,000 new publishers in the United States. While we rejoice to see this increase, it is now our desire to help these become more effective "fishers of men" as they share with us in publishing the good news.—Mark 1:17.

[2] When can a Bible student be invited to join us in the field service? Before identifying himself publicly with Jehovah's Witnesses, he must first meet the Scriptural and organizational requirements stated in the *Our Ministry* book on pages 98 and 99. The questions provided there will help you to determine whether the Bible student meets these requirements. If he qualifies, he may be invited to share in the public preaching work and report his field activity to the congregation.

[3] New publishers may have zeal and enthusiasm but lack experience. Perhaps you can help them to begin having a part in the house-to-house work by offering a tract or the magazines, or you may ask them to read a scripture. Commend them for their effort and eagerness to share. Remind them of the apostle Paul's encouragement for all to "press on to maturity." (Heb. 6:1) Help them to do this.

MAKING PROGRESS

[4] Just as children learn to walk by taking one step at a time, new publishers can be helped to make progress step-by-step. If you are training a new publisher, could you progressively help him to give the introduction at the door, to use the Topic for Conversation, and to present the regular literature offer? Is he ready now to begin referring to the *Reasoning* book, using questions to draw the householder into the conversation or to lay the basis for an effective return visit and eventual Bible study?

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 3

Song 104

assembly announcement

5 min: Local announcements. Discuss highlights of current magazines to be offered. Encourage all to share in magazine work on Saturday.

10 min: Offer for January. Display and comment on older pocket-size books available locally for field service in January. Encourage brothers to get a good supply. Two books can be offered for $1.00 or four for $2.00; more books can be offered if desired. Demonstration: Publisher makes transition from last scripture in Topic for Conversation and presents two of the older books, featuring just one in presentation.

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15 min: "1988 'Divine Justice' District Convention"—Part One. Question-and-answer consideration of insert, paragraphs 1-8 by convention coordinator. Read ONLY paragraph 4 and make application of scriptures as time allows.

15 min: "1988 'Divine Justice' District Convention"—Part Two. Talk on paragraphs 9-13 of insert. Highlight need to select accommodations from "Recommended Lodging Locations List," and avoid abuses; otherwise Society's rooming arrangement will become ineffective and may have to be discontinued. To be handled by presiding overseer. Conclude with announcement that all baptized Witnesses should make special effort to be present at Service Meeting next week.

Song 122 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 10

Song 136

LA

8 min: Local announcements and selected Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Theocratic News. Accounts report; read appreciatively Society's acknowledgments of all contributions to the Society, including those to the Society Kingdom Hall Fund and those for helping missionaries to attend the 1988 conventions in their home country.

JA

15 min: Medical Directive and Identity Card. (Secretary will distribute cards prior to meeting to all baptized Witnesses present.) Presiding overseer will read to congregation Society's letter of December 21, 1987, regarding use of these cards. He will use information on reverse side of Society's letter to explain clearly how cards are to be filled out. Baptized Witnesses not present at meeting may request these cards from presiding overseer. Brothers are encouraged to fill out cards promptly and see that they are properly signed and dated.

KW

10 min: "Sowing Kingdom Seed." Questions and answers. Include expressions from two or three publishers who have had good success in placing the older pocket-size books.

DM

12 min: "Helping New Publishers." Questions and answers. When considering paragraph 4, include brief demonstration of practice session between pioneer and Bible student who now qualifies for field service. New publisher presents Topic for Conversation and literature offer. Pioneer makes practical suggestion for improvement, commends and encourages new publisher to continue to make advancement in field ministry.

Song 224 and concluding prayer.

JA

JT

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 17

Song 209

TR

10 min: Local announcements. Suggest talking points in current magazines and demonstrate a brief presentation of *Awake!* or *The Watchtower*. Encourage all to share in magazine work this Saturday.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—To Everyone." Questions and answers. Brief demonstrations: (1) presentation of magazines in street work; (2) making current offer in store-to-store work; and (3) presenting tract to busy householder in house-to-house work. Encourage all to have a full share in the field service this weekend. D

15 min: Local needs or talk based on article "Young People Ask . . . Does Being God's Friend Matter?" in November 22, 1987, issue of *Awake!*

Song 216 and concluding prayer.

DM

JM

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 24

Song 225

BB

10 min: Local announcements. Mention locations and times of all meetings for field service for the remainder of the week. Encourage all who can to share in the witness work.

15 min: "We All Need to Study." Questions and answers. Conclude with expressions (1) from publishers who buy out the opportune time and have a good schedule for study, and (2) concerning the benefits derived from reading the older publications mentioned in paragraph 5. A

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20 min: "Do Not Let Your Hand Rest." Service overseer discusses article with audience. Make appropriate references to January 1, 1988, letter regarding territory seldom worked. Make local application of information.

Song 1 and concluding prayer.

New Publishers (*Cont'd*)

Having practice sessions and working with a new one in service will help him to take these progressive steps.

[5] If you are a parent, are you helping your children who meet the Scriptural requirements to make progress in the field ministry? Follow the suggestions in the paragraphs above as you endeavor to aid them. Do not underestimate the ability of your children to make progress in the ministry. Many young ones have shown commendable ability in placing literature and in starting and conducting Bible studies. Work closely with your children. Start them at an early age. Help them to develop according to their abilities. Commend them for their effort and progress.—See *Our Ministry,* pages 99-100.

[6] All dedicated servants of Jehovah should endeavor to make advancement in effectively presenting the good news. Help new ones to make progress too.

Kingdom Seed (*Cont'd*)

course of life and then to pursue it."

[6] If the congregation's supply of older books is depleted quickly, the service overseer may check with neighboring congregations to see if they have additional supplies. *Choosing, Commentary on James,* and *Holy Spirit* books may still be ordered from the Society.

[7] As you plant and water the seeds of truth, pray constantly for Jehovah's direction and blessing because it is 'God who makes it grow.' —1 Cor. 3:6.

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1988 "Divine Justice" District Convention

[1] Although the term "justice" has legal associations, basically justice is closely linked to righteousness. The Supreme Judge and Statute-Giver, Jehovah God, "is a lover of righteousness and justice." (Ps. 33:5) This guarantees that he will never abandon his loyal ones but will impartially accept all those fearing him and practicing righteousness and bestow his blessing on them. Since Jehovah's wisdom is far superior to that of imperfect humans, man must humble himself to learn "the path of justice." (Isa. 40:14) He must learn to conform his thinking to the standard of justice that Jehovah, the Creator, has revealed in his Word. Jehovah has always rightly required that those seeking his approval acquaint themselves with his standard of justice and follow it.

[2] Since justice is a divine quality, loyal Witnesses will want always to exercise it in balance with other Christian virtues, even as Micah 6:8 admonishes: "[Jehovah] has told you, O earthling man, what is good. And what is Jehovah asking back from you but to exercise justice and to love kindness and to be modest in walking with your God?" (See also Psalm 106:3.) Would you like to learn more about Jehovah's standard of justice and how we all may conform to it so as to receive his smile of approval? To help us do this, arrangements have been made for many four-day "Divine Justice" District Conventions in the United States branch territory. Undoubtedly your efforts to attend and be instructed in divine justice will be richly rewarded.

ROOMING ARRANGEMENTS

[3] During the announcement period of the Service Meeting for the week of January 3, the letter from the Society dated December 15, 1987, will be read, informing each congregation of the convention it is assigned to attend. Following this Service Meeting, the elders will post on the congregation's information board the Recommended Lodging Locations list that has been received from the District Convention Committee. This list gives all the motels presently cooperating with the Society's rooming arrangement. By cooperating with these arrangements, the congregations will help the convention organization in its efforts to provide sufficient seats, food, literature, and rooming accommodations for everyone. As you make your plans to be in attendance, lovingly include others who need assistance, especially newly interested ones, so they can attend every session as well. (Gal. 6:10) The program will start at 1:20 p.m. on Thursday.

[4] **WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:** As soon as your congregation posts the Recommended Lodging Locations list containing the addresses of the motels, their agreed-upon rates, and the phone numbers, you should IMMEDIATELY phone the motel of your choice, identify yourself as one of Jehovah's Witnesses and as a delegate attending the Watchtower Convention, and make reservations. Doing so will qualify you for the rates listed, which in most cases have been greatly reduced since the convention has negotiated for a large number of rooms. One night's DEPOSIT will be

required at all locations in order to hold the room and should be sent directly to the motel AS SOON AS you make your reservations. Do not make reservations at more than one motel or at motels that you do not intend to use. (Matt. 5:37) MOTELS ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO HOLD THE ROOMS OR EXTEND THE SPECIAL RATES BEYOND THE CUT-OFF DATE WITHOUT A DEPOSIT. If you must cancel your reservations, you should notify the motel directly, doing so as far in advance as possible. This makes the room available for other delegates. If the motel you call first is filled, call your next selection from the list, and so on. The convention Rooming Department will continue to provide the congregations with revised lists as long as necessary, deleting motels that have been filled and including additional motels until everyone has a room. Thus, if all the motels on a list are filled, please wait patiently for the next list, and you will be able to obtain a room.

5 **DORMITORIES:** A few conventions use school dormitories in order to accommodate all those attending. Usually congregations will receive information on these a month or so after the first motel listing. Those needing accommodations of this type should follow the instructions on the list that is sent to the congregations by the convention.

6 **SPECIAL NEEDS:** Arrangements to care for those with special needs should be made by the congregation where these attend. Elders and others aware of the individual circumstances can lovingly extend help. This often involves publishers taking those in full-time service, the elderly, the infirm, the deaf, or perhaps others with them in their own group. Also, they may care for such ones in other ways. (Jas. 2:15-17; 1 John 3:17, 18) Of course, the convention Rooming Department will endeavor to provide rooming accommodations for publishers with special needs who are unable to care for themselves or who cannot be assisted by those from the congregation where they attend. These may ask the convention coordinator in their congregation for a Special Needs Room Request form, discussing their situation with him at that time. Those with special needs are the only ones that should fill out this form. It is to be returned to the convention coordinator and checked for completeness, accuracy, and verification of the circumstances that would qualify them for special needs consideration. This should be done well ahead of the convention. The convention coordinator then forwards the form to the convention Rooming Department and the individual will be notified directly about the accommodations. Those with special needs should NOT go to the convention and request a room when they arrive, because the convention Rooming Department needs the verification of the congregation's convention coordinator.

7 Private home accommodations are usually set aside for those who have limited funds and who would experience real hardship if such accommodations were not available. They are not intended for those who can afford motel rooms but who want free or inexpensive rooms just to save money. Nor is it proper for delegates to presume upon the hospitality of our brothers by expecting to be accommodated extra days so they can visit vacation spots or do other things before or after the convention. These

rooms are for the convention period only. Those receiving such accommodations should see that they and their children act respectfully toward the home of their host and do not damage anything or rummage through the possessions or private areas of the home. *

[8] **DELEGATES ATTENDING FROM OUTSIDE THE ASSIGNED AREA:** In nearly every case, the location assigned for you to attend is the one nearest to your congregation. Seating, literature, food orders, and so forth, are planned on the premise that the majority will attend the convention to which they are assigned. However, if for some reason you will be attending a convention other than the one assigned and need accommodations, please see your congregation's convention coordinator for the address of the convention headquarters where you desire to attend. These addresses are listed on the back of the Special Needs Room Request form. Then write to that convention headquarters and request a copy of the motel listing for that location, sending along a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Upon receipt of this list, use it to make your reservation. NO place for independent spirit

[9] **YOUR COOPERATION NEEDED:** The smoothness and success with which this rooming arrangement functions depends on the cooperation of everyone involved. (Compare Genesis 6:22.) WORK Unless everyone cooperates by using ONLY the motels on the list, the Society may have to discontinue the present rooming arrangement. Thus, we are asking everyone to cooperate with the Society's rooming arrangement so as to avoid major difficulties in our negotiations. Because a number of complaints have been received, it is necessary to list the following requests:

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1) Do not make reservations before the congregations receive the Recommended Lodging Locations list from the convention or try to make reservations for the next year while attending the current convention. NOT To E

2) Do not make reservations with motels not on the list or accept a higher price for a listed motel than what is quoted on the list. *

3) Do not make reservations at more than one motel, and after arriving, check each one and then take the best one, canceling the others. suppo your own the mot

4) Do not reserve rooms for others without giving names and sending the deposits for each room immediately.

5) Do not put more people in the room than the law and the management allow.

6) Do not check in before 1:00 p.m. or so, which generally is motel policy. (You may check in after the program that day since your deposit guarantees your room.)

7) Do not cook or heat food in the room unless it has a kitchenette for that purpose.

8) Do not get food on floor, walls, beds, or towels.

9) Do not allow children in hallways, elevators, or swimming pools without proper supervision.

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[10] Such abuses are selfish and unloving. They not only make it difficult to negotiate for good rates at the motels but also bring reproach on Jehovah's name and organization. The convention organization is working hard to save our brothers as much expense as possible, so it is in the best interests of all for everyone to cooperate fully with the Society's rooming arrangement. The listing

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* We might be able to pay more

is broad enough to give a choice of good-quality accommodations and yet give preference to the motels that cooperate. Our aim with this arrangement is to help delegates to be accommodated as comfortably and economically as possible so they will be refreshed and fully able to enjoy the fine spiritual program.

SIMPLIFIED FOOD SERVICE AT THE 1988 CONVENTIONS

[11] As you know, the Society further simplified the food service arrangement at the district conventions last summer by eliminating hot foods and serving only cold food items along with hot and cold beverages. A similar food service arrangement is planned for 1988. This greatly eased the work load and allowed more attention to be given to the spiritual aspects of the convention, with the workers being able to enjoy more of the program. (Ex. 12:16b; Deut. 31:12; *ad* pp. 375, 574; compare Luke 10:38-42.) With The adjusted menu was well received by those in attendance and although somewhat limited, it provided sufficient sustenance for the morning and noon periods. 3½ Days Fishes + bread (Compare Matthew 14:14-20.) For evening meals everyone was free to make his own arrangements. Go Back To Room + Cook

[12] The Society appreciates very much the fine support you brothers and sisters have been giving to the food service arrangements at the district conventions over the years. This has made it possible to rent good Yankee Stadium buildings and care for the convention expenses. It has also enabled you to remain at the convention site during the short noon break and to be present, on time and refreshed, for the more important spiritual program.

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SIGN LANGUAGE SESSIONS

[13] As you will note in the February 15, 1988, *Watchtower,* sign-language translation will be provided only at 16 specific convention cities. (NO provision will be made at any other conventions for sign language.) We know this will prove to be a real blessing to those with this special need by providing good-quality translating and larger groups with which to enjoy upbuilding fellowship. Those who are signers should ~~let the deaf in their~~ congregations know of the arrangements and help them to attend where the sign language provision is made by the Society. [illegible] Lu, 9:48 – FS – elder BKS.

[NOTE TO THE BODY OF ELDERS: Please read the Society's convention assignment letter for your congregation, dated December 15, 1987, at your Service Meeting during the week of January 3 and post on the information board the Recommended Lodging Locations list. (NO ONE, INCLUDING THE ELDERS, SHOULD MAKE ANY MOTEL RESERVATIONS BEFORE THIS SERVICE MEETING.) Please read the assignment letter again at your next meeting and then post it on the information board. In this way all the congregations will receive the information the same week.

The elder serving as the convention coordinator should conduct the first of the Service Meeting parts that cover this insert, as well as handle other convention-related material and announcements on future meetings. All elders will want to cooperate fully to ensure the prompt, enthusiastic, and effective handling of convention-related material.]

Announcements

- Literature offer for **January and February:** Any two of the older pocket-size books the congregation has in stock for a contribution of $1.00. May include *Choosing, Commentary on James, "Eternal Purpose," Evolution* (old edition), *Good News, Holy Spirit, Peace and Security* (old edition), *This Life, Truth,* and *World Government.* (Congregations may request credit for books obtained by publishers and pioneers for the January and February offer. During this campaign only, the rate for regular and special pioneers for the pocket-size books is 30¢. For congregation publishers and auxiliary pioneers, the rate is 50¢ each.) **March:** *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* for a contribution of $2.50. Small-size books are $1.25. **April:** *Watchtower* subscription.
- Starting in February the new public talk for circuit overseers will be "Persevering in Fine Works Brings Rewards."
- The special public talk for the 1988 Memorial season will be given worldwide on Sunday, April 10, 1988. The subject of this talk will be "Why Live by Bible Standards?" An outline will be provided soon. Those congregations having the visit of the circuit overseer, a circuit assembly, or a Sunday special assembly day scheduled that week will have the special talk the following week. No congregation should have the special talk before April 10.
- Selective Service regulations require that all men register when reaching 18 years of age. All of those required to do so should take care of the matter promptly, viewing it as a Christian's obligation to the superior authorities. Elders will want to have this in mind when young brothers are nearing the age of 18 and give them appropriate reminders. Questions as to the young Christian's responsibilities in this regard may be answered by the elders.
- As announced at the "Trust in Jehovah" District Convention last summer, 16 new public talk outlines have been prepared. As soon as these are received, they should be assigned to qualified speakers and scheduled to be given in the congregations.
- New Publications Available:
    - *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*—1987 Edition (Deluxe; *DLbi12* with marginal references); available in black or maroon —French
    - *My Book of Bible Stories* —Ukrainian
    - *Watch Tower Publications Index 1981-1985* —French, Portuguese
    - *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* —Persian
    - *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* —Haitian Creole
    - Tract No. 13 —Hungarian, Romanian
    - Tract No. 14 —Chinese, Croatian, Dutch, German, Greek, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Portuguese, Swedish
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
    - *Jeremiah, Lamentations* (set of four; congregation and public: $6.00; pioneers: $5.00) —English
    - *Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, The Song of Solomon* (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —French
    - *Jehovah Delivers Those Calling Upon His Name*—Drama (single cassette; congregation and public: $2.00; pioneers: $1.75) —French

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Schedule for congregation studies in the book *United in Worship of the Only True God:*

January 3: Pages 91 to 94
January 10: Pages 95 to 98, par. 8
January 17: Pages 98, par. 9 to 102
January 24: Pages 103 to 105, par. 5
January 31: Pages 106, par. 6 to 110

We All Need to Study

How prove we need to study?

¹ It was in the presence of his disciples that Jesus prayed to Jehovah, saying: "This means everlasting life, their taking in knowledge of you, the only true God, and of the one whom you sent forth, Jesus Christ." (John 17:3) Yes, all of Christ's disciples, as well as newly interested ones, need to take in such knowledge. We can do this through personal and family study, and by attending congregation meetings. Do you adhere to a practical schedule for regular personal study?

Tapes

² Newly interested persons are greatly benefited by having a personal home Bible study. To grow spiritually, however, they must continue to take in knowledge and then apply what they learn. (Heb. 5:13, 14) Are you doing that?

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³ Young servants of Jehovah are in a fine position to take in knowledge. Their minds are eager to absorb vast quantities of information, and they often desire to know the reasons why things are so. Jehovah created us with this desire. Use your time wisely to take in spiritual knowledge. Do as the apostle Paul said and 'buy out the opportune time for such enriching and faith-strengthening personal study.—Col. 4:5.

PERSONAL LIBRARY ?

⁴ Do you have a personal or a family library? Does it contain volumes of *Awake!* and *The Watchtower,* the *Aid* book, and the publications we use at the Congregation Book Study and meetings at the Kingdom Hall? Do you have the *Watch Tower Publications Index 1930-1985* and the available older publications of the Society?

⁵ You will find valuable information in the older publications. Have you read or studied the booklet *Jehovah's Witnesses and the Question of Blood?* The *1975 Yearbook of Jehovah's Witnesses* gives a history of Jehovah's people from Brother Russell's time up until our present time and answers many of the questions that have been asked about Jehovah's Witnesses.

⁶ There is a need for ? individual and family study in order to be both spiritually strong and well equipped for the field service. How are you doing in this? Do you prepare for congregation meetings? Do you prepare for the field ministry in an effort to be as effective as possible? Are you reading your copy of *Reasoning From the Scriptures?* Have you been using it in the field service?

⁷ Use the *Watch Tower Publications Index 1930-1985* to find answers to your own questions and those presented to you by persons you meet in the field service. Elders will find the *Index* to be a most valuable tool to use in locating information that is encouraging and appropriate for those who come to them seeking spiritual assistance. ?

⁸ Second Timothy 2:15 counsels: "Do your utmost to present yourself approved to God, a workman with nothing to be ashamed of, handling the word of the truth aright." To do this we all need to study and apply what we learn.

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Do Not Let Your Hand Rest

¹ The *1988 Yearbook* report gives us reason to rejoice greatly as we reflect on the spiritual prosperity of Jehovah's people everywhere. At the same time it shows that there is still "plenty to do in the work of the Lord." —1 Cor. 15:58.

² In this country alone, a total of 1,778,066 attended the Memorial on April 12, 1987, and 13,562 were baptized at the "Trust in Jehovah" District Conventions. Since this fruitage was brought about in part by a diligent, systematic coverage of territory, should we not continue giving our territory thorough coverage during the 1988 service year? Our labors will not be in vain.

INCREASED EFFORTS TO COVER SELDOM-WORKED TERRITORY

³ If your congregation has seldom-worked territory, you may request one of these as a personal territory assignment. Your requesting such may allow the congregation to cover areas that are not often worked.

⁴ Additionally, in such congregations elders can make appropriate group arrangements to cover the seldom-worked territory. It may be that publishers could take along a lunch and spend a whole day working

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PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

To Everyone

[1] As Jesus Christ preached he showed intense interest in reaching as many people as possible. (Mark 6:34; John 4:7, 40, 41) We too must try to reach as many people as we can. Lives are at stake—theirs and ours. (1 Tim. 4:16) We want to help others to come to know Jehovah so that they too can call on his name to be saved.—Acts 2:21.

[2] A common problem many of us face, whether working in urban or rural territory, is locating those who are not at home when we first call. Have you tried to call later the same day? Many have had good success in doing so. Or try calling on a different day. Those persistently not at home might be reached by means of a letter. In working urban territory, take the initiative to speak with those you see in the hallways and lobbies of apartment houses or on the sidewalk. If your conversation must be brief, you may find it beneficial to present at least one of the four new tracts: *Why You Can Trust the Bible, What Do Jehovah's Witnesses Believe?, Life in a Peaceful New World,* and *What Hope for Dead Loved Ones?*

STREET AND STORE-TO-STORE WORK

[3] Sharing in street work may help you to reach individuals ordinarily not at home when we call. When approaching people, it is beneficial to be friendly and direct as you endeavor to start a conversation. Posing a brief, pointed question may help you to arouse interest. You will likely find it easiest to approach those who are not moving along hurriedly. Some have had success in walking a few steps with a person as they briefly present the magazines. If the street is crowded, some have found it practical to speak to those on the fringes of the crowd. Store-to-store work may help you to reach proprietors and employees who are often missed when we call at their homes. Thoughtfully try to call at a time when there are few customers in the store.—*km* 5/85 p. 8.

[4] When in street work and store-to-store work, do not feel that you are limited to presenting magazines. Books and brochures can also be offered. One successful publisher begins the conversation by asking, "Have you seen our latest book?" Another simply says, "I have something that I would like to show you."

[5] How can interest found in street and store-to-store work be further cultivated? Many have had success in asking interested ones for their address so that they can speak to them further at a more convenient time. If you find that they do not live in your territory, the call can be referred to the appropriate congregation. The presiding overseer in your congregation will be happy to assist you in this regard.

[6] It is Jehovah's will that all be given an opportunity to hear the truth. "Let anyone thirsting come; let anyone that wishes take life's water free." (Rev. 22:17) When we make a sincere effort to contact all persons, we show that we love others as Jehovah does.—John 3:16.

OCTOBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	258	128.8	100.8	53.8	5.6
Pios.	59,330	85.1	46.0	28.2	2.8
Aux. Pios.	44,318	59.8	34.2	16.4	1.4
Pubs.	652,304	9.8	7.2	3.7	0.4
TOTAL	756,210				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 3,096

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **On Saturday, October 3, 1987, the annual meeting of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania was held at the Jersey City Assembly Hall with 4,390 in attendance. Reports were heard concerning the work in Alaska, Canada, Korea, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Switzerland, and the United States. All were enthused by the positive information presented relative to Kingdom increase.**

◆ **Barbados reported that 3,361 attended their convention and 50 were baptized. Attendance was more than double their peak of 1,598 publishers. The convention in St. Lucia was attended by 803, also over double their peak of 340 publishers.**

◆ **Britain reached a new peak of 109,624 publishers in August, an 8-percent increase over last year's average.**

◆ **Dominican Republic had a new peak of 10,403 publishers in August and their eighth consecutive peak in regular pioneers.**

◆ **Two district conventions held in Haiti were attended by 10,131 and 215 were baptized. Their peak of publishers was 4,894.**

◆ **India reported new peaks of 8,077 publishers and 5,594 Bible studies for August.**

◆ **Mexico reached their 46th consecutive publisher peak with 222,168 publishers reporting in August. Their Memorial attendance was outstanding with 957,081 present.**

◆ **During August the Philippines reached an all-time peak of 14,445 regular pioneers. This was an increase of 33 percent for the service year.**

◆ **Puerto Rico reported a new peak of 22,468 publishers in August. Their six district conventions were attended by 43,077 and 362 were baptized.**

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distant portions of the congregation's territory. Why not make it a goal to cover as many of these territories as possible this year?

[5] If your congregation regularly covers all its territory, on a temporary basis you may have the opportunity to assist congregations in other areas in the coverage of their territory. During the past service year 120 groups of publishers did so, resulting in many promising return visits and Bible studies. The presiding overseer of one congregation receiving such help stated that 14 publishers "did in ten days what the congregation would do in one month." Can you assist in such a way this year?

[6] There are also those who could request to work one or more of the approximately 240 unassigned territories in the United States. While many served in this way last year, not all these territories were worked. Consequently, we invite you to apply for an assignment this year and increase your share in 'declaring abroad the kingdom of God.'—Luke 9:60.

[7] Finally, there are those who plan to serve where the need is greater. If that is your desire, we encourage you to discuss the matter with the elders in your congregation. You will also want to review what was written on page 7 of the January 1985 issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry*.

SHARE IN SOWING KINGDOM SEED

[8] Any who would like to assist a congregation in the coverage of its territory or work unassigned territory should review the Society's letter dated January 1, 1988, on this subject. Please keep in mind that, if at all possible, you should be willing to work territory at least 1,200 miles inland from either the east coast or the west coast of the United States.

[9] We have every reason to put our hand to the plow of increased activity and look to the things ahead. (Luke 9:62) Remember, we do not know from where further increase will come. (Eccl. 11:6) Therefore, like Philip, let us place ourselves as willing instruments in the hands of Jehovah and his organization, prepared to sow Kingdom seed wherever it is necessary before the end comes.—Acts 8:26, 27; Matt. 28:20.

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Meetings for Field Service

FEBRUARY 1-7
Using older publications

1. How will you tie in offer with Topic for Conversation?
2. Why should literature be well arranged in our witnessing cases?
3. Should wrinkled literature be offered?

FEBRUARY 8-14
Keeping house-to-house records

1. Why should they be kept?
2. How can they be used when doing group witnessing?
3. Why keep a separate record of not-at-homes?

FEBRUARY 15-21
Using the Bible

1. How do you introduce scriptures in Topic for Conversation?
2. How can you use a scripture when householder is busy?
3. When especially can we use the pocket Bible?

FEBRUARY 22-28
Proper appearance for the ministry

1. Why is proper dress and grooming important?
2. How should our children be dressed?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Religion That Has Real Value.

2 Tim. 3:1, 2, 5—A mere form of worship is not enough.

John 4:23—Religion that God approves.

Caring for Kingdom Seed

1 A farmer prepares the land and sows the seed, and then what joy and satisfaction he feels when the seed has sprouted! Even though much effort is required on his part, he will joyfully work hard with the hope of reaping a fine harvest. Jesus likened "the word of God" to seed that is sown. (Luke 8:11) Therefore, we will want to have a full share in sowing Kingdom seed, that is, "the word of the kingdom," with the hope that it will reach persons whose hearts prove to be like "the fine soil" described in Jesus' illustration.—Matt. 13:19, 23; Luke 8:15.

2 Did you have the privilege of placing some of the older books last month, or did you have fine Scriptural discussions with persons in your territory? Can you do more to cultivate their interest in the Kingdom message? Return visits are an effective way to care for the interest shown. These can often be made within a day or two of the initial contact.

3 During the month of February, we have further opportunities to offer the older publications. Something contained in one of them may be just what the interested person needs to arouse his desire to progress spiritually. Also, be prepared to share some points about the blessings that the Kingdom will bring to those with receptive hearts.

4 Auxiliary pioneering will provide some with opportunity to expand their service, making return visits, and perhaps starting new studies. Each year many brothers and sisters seize the opportunity to auxiliary pioneer in March and April. This year April has five Saturdays, a marked advantage for those who may hold full-time secular jobs. Young publishers may be able to use the world's Easter holiday period to engage in the field ministry.

5 In a number of congregations, the entire body of elders, the ministerial servants, and their wives have set a fine example by auxiliary pioneering. Last April one congregation had 83 auxiliary and 12 regular pioneers. What a source of encouragement for all the congregation! May Jehovah bless your careful planning!

RETURN VISITS COULD BECOME STUDIES

6 In order to be effective when making return visits, you will need to have made appropriate notations on your house-to-house record. These will help you to determine the subject to discuss when you call back. Some publishers like to let the householder do most of the talking on the first call and in that way find out what is on his mind and what subjects are of interest to him. Should the person express wrong ideas, it may be wise to avoid focusing on such comments at the

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Help the Elderly and the Infirm

1 Most congregations have publishers who are getting along in years or those who have physical limitations. They may need help getting to meetings or out in field service.

2 Some have served faithfully for many years, and they desire to continue participating in congregation activities despite their limitations. One sister in her late 80's said: "I love Jehovah so much that I simply have to share in the service and attend meetings in order to prove this to him." (1 Cor. 15:58) Do you not agree such ones deserve our help?

FIELD SERVICE

3 Although many of the elderly and infirm find joy in serving their Creator, some do not feel they can contribute much. "At present I feel my service isn't much, but it is a great joy to serve my Creator," said a 93-year-old pioneer. After working with her, a circuit overseer said: "She was more of an encouragement to me than I was to her. She more than adds to the pioneer spirit." Is there something we can do to let such ones know how much we value them?

4 An invitation to join us in field service is often greatly appreciated. If some have difficulty walking, could we take them along in a wheelchair when doing street work? (Prov. 17:17) Could we take such publishers into territory that has apartments with elevators or residential areas without steps? Could they go with us on return visits or Bible studies? Or are we studying the Bible with someone who would be willing to go to the elderly person's home for the study?

5 Is there anything we can do to help those confined to their home to have a meaningful share in field service? What about suggesting that they make use of the telephone? (See November 1985 *Our Kingdom Ministry,* pages 5-6.) Perhaps we could also provide names and addresses of people who live in restricted areas, those not at home, or interested persons to whom letters may be written. One infirm pioneer wrote: "I am very crippled with arthritis all over my body and am not able to walk. But . . . I can still talk, write, phone, and send out

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 31

Song 133 TR

8 min: Local announcements. Encourage all to share in field service on first Sunday of February.

15 min: "Caring for Kingdom Seed." Question-and-answer consideration.

15 min: Preparing for Return Visits. Discussion: Elder and two or three qualified publishers have a practice session to consider what they will say when making return visits on persons who have shown interest.

7 min: Literature offer for February. Discuss talking points that can be used effectively by younger and newer publishers as well as by those with more experience.

Song 211 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 7

Song 180

10 min: Local announcements. Accounts report. Include Society's acknowledgments of contributions. Encourage brothers to support the magazine-day activity on second Saturday of the month.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—By Using the Bible." Cover by discussion with audience pertinent points in paragraphs 1-5. Thereafter, have well-prepared publisher demonstrate how we may be able to use the Bible effectively even when a person is busy and, depending on circumstances, make the literature offer, leave a tract, or pave the way for making a return call as outlined in paragraph 6. Sum up with warm and concerned advice that brothers seriously consider making greater use of the Bible in their field ministry.

RJ

20 min: "Spirit of the World." Talk by elder from *Reasoning* book, pages 389-93. Apply material to needs of local congregation, highlighting importance of avoiding this world's unhealthy spirit.

Song 174 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 14

Song 116 EA

10 min: Local announcements, Theocratic News, and selected Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*.

15 min: "Help the Elderly and the Infirm." Question-and-answer coverage of article.

10 min: How Are We Doing Locally? Discussion with audience on helping the elderly and the infirm in your congregation. Make practical suggestions to fit local needs.

10 min: How Can You Make True Friends? Talk based on September 15, 1987, *Watchtower,* pages 5-7.

Song 115 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 21

Song 28 JA - JM

alw

12 min: Local announcements. Include one or two 30- to 60-second demonstrations featuring offer of current magazines for fourth Saturday of month. Review information in "*Blood* Booklet to Be Studied." Important for all to save insert for use in Congregation Book Study.

AW

18 min: "Make Meetings More Instructive." Question-and-answer consideration of article by elder. Discuss scriptures cited in article. After considering paragraph 5, include five-minute discussion between two brothers highlighting need to pay close attention and cultivate art of good listening. Note information in *School Guidebook,* pages 25-7, paragraphs 6-14.

w/o 2/14 = 15 min.

15 min: Local needs. Or talk with some audience participation on "Are You Looking for a Partner in Life?" in November 15, 1986, *Watchtower.*

Song 117 and concluding prayer.

Kingdom Seed *(Cont'd)*

outset but, rather, highlight the promises of the Kingdom.

⁷ The Bible study work is the foremost means by which persons are helped to learn of Jehovah's purposes. You might use something in the publications that you feel would be of particular interest to the person. Ask a question, and then show how the literature readily provides the Bible's answer. Consider several paragraphs if time permits. A positive attitude shows we are sincerely convinced that what we have is good. By keeping your objective in view, you too should soon be able to start fine Bible studies. You can use the book you placed with the householder or another one that he already has. The transition to the *Live Forever* book can be made as soon as you feel it is appropriate.

⁸ Is it not fascinating to sow literal seed and then watch the plants grow as we care for them? We will have even greater satisfaction when we see "the word of the kingdom" taking root and growing in the hearts of individuals with whom we are studying. As these come into the truth, they become a source of praise and honor to Jehovah. May he bless abundantly our efforts as we sow Kingdom seed and then care for what it produces, to his praise!

Elderly and Infirm *(Cont'd)*

magazines." She thanks her faithful brothers and sisters for helping her have a full share in the ministry. —Heb. 6:10-12.

GETTING TO MEETINGS

⁶ Ephesians 4:25 says: "We are members belonging to one another." We therefore want to help our older and infirm brothers to get to meetings. (Phil. 2:4) How can this be done? If some are fearful about driving after dark, can we pick them up in our car? Others may be able to use public transportation or even walk as long as they have someone to accompany them. Could you help in this way?

⁷ Some older ones who are housebound have benefited from the meetings by telephone. For others, the meetings have been recorded and then played for them at another time. One sister was asked to visit an incapacitated sister each week to review the main points of the meetings. "I spend a few minutes bringing her up-to-date with announcements and happenings in the congregation. I also take the current Theocratic Ministry School review paper. We thoroughly enjoy this time together. It enables her to keep up with the congregation even though she is absent."

INCLUDE THEM IN OUR SCHEDULE

⁸ Can you take the initiative to offer assistance to older brothers and sisters? Look for ways to be of help. Offer yourself willingly. Are there other ways that you can help, such as by shopping for them or taking them to appointments? Our older brothers and sisters will be most appreciative for our concern and loving assistance.

⁹ Helping the elderly and infirm can prove to be very enriching. Older ones have experienced much in life and have often learned to live with difficult circumstances; thus, their views and recollections can be of great value to us. (Prov. 16:31) Enjoy the pleasure and personal benefit of helping the elderly and the infirm. —Acts 20:35; Rom. 1:12.

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Jehovah's Witnesses
and the
QUESTION OF BLOOD

First Week

3 [1] What fact about blood is being better understood?

3 [2] What is an accepted therapeutic method, but who disagree?

3 [3, 4] What Bible view do Jehovah's Witnesses hold regarding life, and what questions does this raise?

3 [5] What is the purpose of this publication, and how will the matter be handled?

4 [1] To whom is this subject of interest?

4 [2] What are some views as to the use of blood, and on what basis do Jehovah's Witnesses take a stand on blood?

5 [1] In view of the position taken by Jehovah's Witnesses, what question logically arises?

5 [2, 3] What shows that the Bible has much to say about blood, and what command regarding blood did God give early in mankind's history?

6 [1] What shows that in the killing of animals more is involved than just the matter of diet?

6 [2, 3] What did the Creator attach to the use of blood, and how do we know that not just the blood of animals is involved?

7 [1, 2] What was the nature of the command to Noah regarding blood, and what comments by a rabbi are pertinent here?

8 [1, 2] What law to Israel showed that God's ban on blood still applied, and what was the only way Israelites could use blood?

8 [3, 4] (a) What precaution were Israelite hunters required to take when they killed animals for food, and why? (b) By heeding this command, they showed recognition of what fact?

9 [1] (a) What penalties show that violating God's law on blood was a serious offense? (b) Which scriptures show that eating flesh with the blood in it resulted in guilt?

9 [2] Which Scriptural example shows that God's law on blood could not be set aside in emergencies?

Second Week

10 [1] Why is it reasonable to conclude that God's law regarding animal blood also applies to human blood?

10 [2] What effect did the Messiah's sacrificial death have on the dietary restrictions of the Mosaic law?

10 [3] When dealing with the question of circumcision for Gentile Christians, what was decided regarding blood?

11 [1] This decision of the apostolic council became a part of what?

11 [2, 3] What did that decision explicitly state, and how do we know that it was not merely the apostles' opinion?

12 [1] According to Professor Walther Zimmerli, what distinction did that decree make?

12 [2] What indicates that the command to abstain from blood was a moral requirement and not merely a dietary one?

12 [3, 4] What shows the binding nature of the prohibition of blood and that it was not merely a temporary requirement?

13 [1,2] What does Eusebius say as to the prohibition of blood being recognized in his day?

13 [3] to 14 [2] What did Tertullian and Minucius Felix say as to Christians not eating blood in their day?

14 [3,4] What statements did a bishop and a Catholic Biblical scholar make on the subject of blood?

15 [1] What did the Quinisext Council state regarding blood, and what did Otto of Bamberg say to new converts regarding blood?

15 [2] What did Martin Luther write regarding Acts 15:28, 29?

15 [3] What comment did a Baptist theologian make on Genesis 9:3, 4?

16 [1] What answer did clergyman William Jones give to those who would ignore the Bible's prohibition of blood?

16 [2] What is the determination of Jehovah's Witnesses regarding blood, based on which facts and scriptures?

Third Week

17 [1] What three points have been established, and what is the Scriptural basis for each?

17 [2,3] What question now presents itself, and what modern medical techniques may Bible principles be said to cover?

17 [4] to 18 [1] What distinction is not made at Acts 15:29, and for what reasons?

18 [2] What firm position do Jehovah's Witnesses take, and of what are they convinced?

19 [1,2] What is at stake in the issue of blood, and to what words of the psalmist do we wholeheartedly subscribe?

19 [3,4] What stand did the early Christians take and at what cost to themselves?

20 [1] What responsibility do Jehovah's Witnesses shoulder?

20 [2,3] (a) What objection is raised to refusing blood transfusions? (b) Why can Witnesses not be accused of suicide, as seen by the testimony of others?

21 [1] Why is refusing blood transfusions not an exercising of one's right to die?

21 [2] Which rights have the courts given individuals, and why logically so?

22 [1,2] (a) Of what is the patient the final arbiter? (b) The right and duty of a physician is limited by what freedom of man?

22 [3] What is the attitude of some persons regarding the preservation of life, but what question does this raise?

23 [1] According to N. L. Cantor, what shows that the sanctity of life is not the supreme value, and how might this be illustrated?

23 [2] What position of the Witnesses precludes anyone from trying to force a treatment upon them that violates their principles?

24 [1] In one medical journal, what statement was made about doctors who try to force a certain treatment that violates the conscience of the patient?

Fourth Week

24 [2,3] Why might a doctor find it distressing to deal with a Witness who refuses a blood transfusion?

25 [1,2] According to what medical and legal principles may a surgeon not follow his own convictions if they violate a patient's conscience?

26 [1,2] Instead of abandoning a case, what should a doctor do when faced with a patient's refusal to accept a blood transfusion?

27 [1] What can be said about the moral obligations of both patient and doctor as regards "extraordinary" treatment?

27 [2] What stand do Witnesses take as to medical treatment in general, but with what exception?

27 [3] What facts do Witnesses appreciate relative to their stand on blood?

28 [1] Of what fact are Witnesses aware, and what are they willing to face?

28 [2] What conclusion was reached in an extreme case after a successful operation without blood?

29 [1] Why need doctors not fear malpractice suits by Witnesses because of their stand on blood?

29 [2] What is the gist of the form the AMA recommends that patients who refuse blood transfusions should sign?

30 [1] How do the Witnesses show they are willing to accept personal responsibility for refusing blood transfusions?

30 [2] What has been said as to the likelihood of a physician's being sued for not forcing a blood transfusion on a patient?

30 [3] What is the position in England when a patient dies because of having refused a blood transfusion?

31 [1, 2] What moral obligation does a doctor have, but what moral obligation does he not have?

31 [3] What charge could a doctor be liable for if he forced a blood transfusion upon a Witness patient?

32 [1, 2] Which course by a doctor would be "most distasteful ethically," and why is this so?

32 [3] to 33 [1] (a) What did West Germany's *Medical Tribune* have to say about giving a patient a blood transfusion while he was unconscious? (b) What ruling by a court underscored this position, leading to what conclusion?

Fifth Week

33 [2, 3] (a) What aspect of this subject is highly charged with emotion? (b) How do Witnesses feel about it, and why?

34 [1] (a) What has resulted from a lack of parental teaching? (b) In contrast, what do Witness parents do?

35 [1, 2] Why should a doctor not feel that he must give a child a blood transfusion in spite of the resolute wishes of the parents against such?

35 [3] Why is it fundamentally inconsistent to force a blood transfusion on a child of Witness parents?

36 [1] Name a gross inconsistency that prevails in some hospitals.

36 [2] What did a Scottish college lecturer have to say about forcing blood transfusions on adults and children?

37 [1, 2] How does the principle of choice in medical treatment argue against forced blood transfusions?

37 [3] What fact regarding the nature of medical knowledge further argues against forced blood transfusions?

37 [4] What bearing does the principle of treating the whole person have on forced blood transfusions?

38 [1, 2] What can be said about healing the body while breaking the spirit of a person?

38 [3] to 39 [2] Which facts argue that the stand of the Witnesses regarding blood transfusions is not unreasonable?

39 [3, 4] Why do some doctors fail to view blood transfusions objectively, and why have some judges recommended alternative treatment?

40 [1, 2] Which fact about blood has a strong bearing on the value of blood transfusions?

40 [3] to 41 [1] What other characteristics of blood have a bearing on the risk factor in blood transfusions?

41 [2-4] What testimony is there to show that blood transfusions involve risks?

42 [1-3] Why can knowledgeable doctors not dismiss the dangers of blood transfusions as being exaggerated?

43 [1] Is there a likelihood of relief from blood transfusion problems? If not, why not?

Sixth Week

43 [2, 3] What various kinds of risks are associated with blood transfusions?

44 [1, 2] What are some of the immediate harmful reactions to blood transfusions?

44 [3-5] To what extent is the danger of transmitting disease associated with blood transfusions?

45 [1, 2] What can be said about the incidence of serum hepatitis?

45 [3] Why is the possibility of a Witness getting serum hepatitis more than a justifiable risk?

46 [1, 2] What facts argue against a patient's being reasonably assured that he will survive an attack of serum hepatitis?

46 [3, 4] To what extent have modern techniques eliminated the risks of getting serum hepatitis from a blood transfusion?

47 [1] What dilemma does syphilitic contamination of blood pose?

47 [2] to 48 [1] What other infections may be transmitted by blood transfusions?

48 [2] What is another danger associated with blood transfusions, and how serious is it?

48 [3] Because of the dangers associated with blood transfusions, what do some hospitals require of patients?

48 [4] What is the primary reason why Witnesses will not accept blood transfusions?

49 [1-3] In elective surgery, what alternatives are there to blood transfusions?

50 [1, 2] Just what is the prime need when there is a great loss of blood?

51 [1] Which is the fluid of choice when there is a great loss of blood?

51 [2, 3] To what extent can one sustain the loss of blood, and why are alternative solutions not blood substitutes?

Seventh Week

52 [1, 2] What have facts shown as to a safe hematocrit or hemoglobin content for surgery?

53 [1, 2] What has been learned as to a blood transfusion's immediately enhancing the blood's oxygen-carrying capacity?

53 [3] What are some of the fluids used as alternatives to blood transfusions?

54 [1] Which other plasma volume expanders have been used with good results?

54 [2] What can be said about the use of various expanders in the acute stage of blood-volume crisis?

54 [3] to 55 [1] What evidence shows that blood is not the only effective replacement for blood loss?

55 [2, 3] Name some of the advantages that plasma expanders have over blood.

55 [4] What interesting facts has the experience of Dr. Denton Cooley revealed?

56 [1] What have been the long-term effects of bloodless heart surgery on Witness adults and children?

57 [1, 2] What have been the results where Witnesses have had to undergo operations where blood is normally considered essential?

57 [3] What has been the experience of Dr. Philip Roen?

58 [1, 2] What facts show that the position of the Witnesses regarding blood transfusions can be accommodated medically?

59 [1, 2] (a) In view of all the foregoing facts, what should a doctor appreciate about Jehovah's Witnesses? (b) What does this mean in his actual practice?

60 [1, 2] What counsel is given the Witnesses when they are faced with the question of a blood transfusion?

60 [3] By their stand on blood, what do the Witnesses manifest, in keeping with which example of early Christians?

Announcements

- Literature offer for **February**: Any two of the older pocket-size books the congregation has in stock for a contribution of $1.00. May include *Choosing, Commentary on James, "Eternal Purpose," Evolution* (old edition), *Good News, Holy Spirit, Peace and Security* (old edition), *This Life, Truth,* and *World Government.* **March**: *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* for a contribution of $2.50. Small-size books are $1.25. **April and May**: *Watchtower* subscription for one year for a contribution of $5.00. If subscription is not taken, offer two magazines and a brochure for 80¢.
- On Saturday, May 7, the Brooklyn Bethel home and factory and Watchtower Farms buildings will be closed for spring cleaning. There will be no arrangements for tours or for congregations to pick up literature on that day.
- The Memorial celebration will be held Friday, April 1, 1988. Although the talk may start earlier, please remember that the passing of the Memorial bread and wine *should not begin until after sundown.* Check with local sources to determine when sundown occurs in your area. No other meetings are to be conducted on that date. If your congregation normally has meetings on Friday, you may want to switch those to another time of the week if the hall is available. If your Service Meeting is affected, it may be possible to incorporate into another Service Meeting any parts scheduled for that week that are particularly applicable to your congregation.
- New Publications Available:
  - *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*—1987 Edition (Deluxe; *DLbi12* with marginal references; black) —Dutch
  - *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures—With References* (*Rbi8*) —Italian
  - *My Book of Bible Stories* —Gun
  - *Survival Into a New Earth* —Romanian
  - *United in Worship of the Only True God* —Romanian
  - *Is There a God Who Cares?* —Tongan
  - *"Look! I Am Making All Things New"* (Brochure) —Yoruba
  - *Watch Tower Publications Index 1984* —Italian
  - Tract No. 13 —Finnish
  - Tract No. 14 —Finnish
  - Tract No. 15 —Finnish, German, Greek, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Swedish
  - Tract No. 16 —Finnish
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *Joshua* (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —Danish
  - *Judges, Ruth* (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —Danish
  - *The Second of Kings* (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —German
  - Album of Hebrew Scriptures—Volume 2; *The First of Samuel* to *Psalms* (set of 21 tapes in an album; congregation and public: $33.25; pioneers: $21.50) —German
  - *Listening to the Great Teacher* (set of five tapes and a book in an album; congregation and public: $11.25; pioneers: $9.50) —German (This item is not yet available in English.)

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *United in Worship of the Only True God:*

February 7: Pages 111 to 116
February 14: Pages 117 to 119, par. 6
February 21: Pages 120 to 122, par. 12
February 28: Pages 123, par. 13 to 126, par. 3

Make Meetings More Instructive

1 "One thing that impressed me was that young and old at the Kingdom Hall shared in the meetings by giving comments and looking up the scriptures." Have you ever heard anyone say that about the first meetings of Jehovah's Witnesses he attended? (1 Cor. 14:25b) Many of us have heard such expressions. And how happy we were to have attended those meetings and to have shared in commenting!

2 When we prepare in advance, our comments become more meaningful, and the meetings are more instructive and beneficial for all in attendance. (Heb. 10:24, 25) This should impress on our minds and hearts the importance of works that are consistent with faith. That will help us to make improvements in Christian living and activity.—Jas. 1:25.

WHEN WE ARE ON THE PLATFORM

3 A variety of subjects are covered in the Theocratic Ministry School. Sisters receive assignments in the *Live Forever* and *Reasoning* books, both of which we use regularly in our field ministry. Those who have these assignments can make the school more instructive by using practical settings to present the key points in the material. This will help the audience appreciate the information and see how they can use it in the field ministry. Brothers who have talks based on the *Reasoning* book can likewise emphasize points that will be particularly helpful when witnessing in local territory. Brothers who handle Bible reading assignments can make their introductions, remarks in connection with the reading, and conclusions meaningful by highlighting points of practical value. Perhaps in one of these ways you can make the school even more instructive for all in attendance.

4 We may be asked to share in a demonstration on the Service Meeting. If so, preparation is vital. What we say should be audible, so we need to use the microphones properly. (Compare 1 Corinthians 14:9.) When sharing in demonstrations, do not turn your back to the audience. Always face those in attendance. Thus, when showing the contents of a publication to a householder, the audience will see the cover of the publication. When we face the audience, they can hear us more clearly and note the expression on our face.

AS AN AUDIENCE

5 Those of us who are in attendance can make the meetings more instructive for ourselves by paying close attention. (1 Tim. 4:16; Heb. 2:1) All need to cultivate the art of listening, not letting our minds wander. Whispering to others seated near us is distracting. Getting up unnecessarily to go to the rest room or the water fountain will also interfere with our getting the most from the meetings and will distract others as well.

6 If we have small children and they are restless, we may want to sit near an aisle toward the rear of the Kingdom Hall so that they will disturb as few as possible. If they misbehave or make noise, it is proper for the parents to take them out of the main seating area of the Kingdom Hall. Otherwise, they will continue to interfere with the concentration of others who are trying to pay attention to the meetings.—Prov. 22:6, 15.

7 If we put forth effort to make the meetings more instructive for ourselves as well as for others, we will all be helped to grow spiritually. Then it will be said of us, as it was of the Christians in Thessalonica, that our "faith is growing exceedingly and the love of each and all of [us] is increasing one toward the other."—2 Thess. 1:3.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

By Using the Bible

[1] "The word of God is alive and exerts power." (Heb. 4:12) To exert its power to the full and come alive, it must be read and applied. To accomplish this further, Jehovah's organization, beginning principally in 1954, encouraged us to use the Bible in our door-to-door ministry. We were trained to give three- to eight-minute sermons in house-to-house visitations and to bring to the attention of the householders what the Bible has to say on important subjects.

[2] In more recent years, *Our Kingdom Ministry* has regularly carried the Topic for Conversation, outlining two or three scriptures on a subject to use in the field service. For example, currently the Topic for Conversation is on the theme "Religion That Has Real Value." The scriptures to be used highlight the difference between false and true religion.

[3] To use the Bible effectively takes practice and the desire to assist people to realize that it is indeed God's Word and is alive and powerful. While we are encouraged to use short, to-the-point presentations in magazine-day activity, we do not want to become neglectful in the matter of using the Bible in other features of the field ministry. After all, we are students of the Bible, and what better way is there to give evidence that we are such than by endeavoring to show people from the Word of God itself what Jehovah has in store for mankind and this earth?

HELP FROM THE *REASONING* BOOK

[4] In addition to the Topic for Conversation in *Our Kingdom Ministry,* we have the book *Reasoning From the Scriptures*. As you review the introductions listed on pages 9-15, you will find references to Bible verses that can be used in introducing the Kingdom message. We have a great variety of ways in which to go to the Bible to show people what it has to say.

[5] For example, if some householders are concerned about the elderly, it may be helpful to follow what is suggested in the *Reasoning* book on page 14 under the subject "Old Age/Death." How appropriate the question would be: "Have you ever wondered why we grow old and die? I would like to point out to you what an inspired Bible writer said at Romans 5:12." Then you could say: "But while the Bible points out why we grow old and die, it also offers us a most wonderful hope for the future, as found in Revelation 21:3, 4." The current literature offer could then be featured.

[6] So often these days people say, "No, I'm busy." Many truly are, and we must appreciate that this may be so in their case. Even then, if the circumstances are right, you could say: "I know the feeling, for these are very busy times. I would like to leave you with just this one thought, however," and turn to one of the scriptures in our current Topic for Conversation. After reading it, you could quickly state what literature you are offering, leave an appropriate tract, or say you will be in the area again soon and will drop by to share some further information about the interesting possibility of living without dying.

[7] How good it is when people see that we are students of the Bible, adept at using God's Word in our ministry! It helps them to identify the people today who rely on God's Word and use it in their daily lives. So, apart from magazine day, be prepared to use the Bible when making the regular literature offer. Our efforts to use the Bible will bring Jehovah's blessing on our ministry and highlight in the minds of many that God's Word is indeed alive, exerts power, and can affect their lives.

Blood Booklet to Be Studied

[1] The booklet *Jehovah's Witnesses and the Question of Blood* will be considered at the Congregation Book Study for the weeks of June 26 through August 7, 1988. Study questions to be used are found in this month's *Our Kingdom Ministry* insert.

[2] This booklet, first published in 1977, contains information that is of vital interest to Jehovah's Witnesses as well as to others who wish to adhere to what God's Word has to say about the sanctity of blood. Consideration of the *Blood* booklet at this time will be of particular benefit to the many new ones in the congregation who may not have studied this information previously. It will help everyone to be better equipped to face any emergency situation that may arise as a challenge to our Scriptural stand on the continuing issue of blood transfusions.

[3] Very likely your congregation has on hand sufficient booklets to provide a copy for each one attending the study. If not, the service overseer should immediately endeavor to obtain additional copies from nearby congregations rather than order from the Society. Many congregations have a large supply of the *Blood* booklet, and these can be transferred to other congregations in the area by using the Transfer of Literature form (S-19) as explained in paragraph 40 of the *Cost List*. Circuit overseers may be in a position to help the brothers in this regard. Of course, if the booklets are not available locally, they may be ordered from the Society along with other literature. Please do not order in excess of your needs for the scheduled book studies.

[4] All publishers are encouraged to prepare well and to be present each week for the consideration of this important information. Be sure to invite newly interested ones to attend also, and arrange for them to have their own copy of the *Blood* booklet for this consideration.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **Chad reported a new peak of 204 publishers for August. The congregation publishers there averaged 18.4 hours in the field service.**

◆ **A new peak of 12,161 publishers was reported by Ecuador for the first month of the new service year, a 9-percent increase over last year's average. A new peak of 22,854 Bible studies was also reported.**

◆ **France began the new service year with peaks of 97,032 publishers and 3,938 regular pioneers.**

◆ **Italy passed the 150,000 mark in publishers, with a new all-time peak of 150,364 reporting for September. Congregation publishers averaged 13.4 hours in the field service.**

◆ **The Netherlands Antilles branch reported new peaks of 1,425 publishers in Curacao and 404 in Aruba in September.**

◆ **Réunion had a new peak of 1,352 publishers for a 9-percent increase in September. Their district convention was attended by 2,935, and 48 were baptized.**

NOVEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	258	128.7	85.8	53.9	5.6
Pios.	58,563	81.4	38.0	27.3	2.8
Aux. Pios.	32,748	58.7	28.1	16.8	1.5
Pubs.	665,421	9.6	6.5	3.7	0.5
TOTAL	756,990				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 3,199

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Meetings for Field Service

FEBRUARY 29–MARCH 6
New Topic for Conversation

1. Review key points of scriptures used.
2. What introduction will you use?

MARCH 7-13
Offering *Creation* book

1. Why do people need this publication?
2. What specific points or illustrations can be highlighted?

MARCH 14-20
Using *Reasoning* book

1. What points from subject "Evolution," pages 126-8, can be helpful?
2. What points from subject "Creation," pages 84-8, can be helpful?

MARCH 21-27
Inviting others to Memorial

1. Whom should we invite?
2. How can printed invitations be effectively used?

MARCH 28–APRIL 3
Featuring magazines

1. What articles from current issues highlight Topic for Conversation?
2. Why is a positive approach needed when offering subscriptions?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

The Bible Benefits Family Life.

Gen. 1:27, 28—God instituted the family arrangement.

Isa. 48:17, 18—Family members benefit from heeding God's Word.

Help Others to Appreciate God's Love

[1] "God recommends his own love to us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8) Those words reveal the motivating force behind Jehovah's promise to deliver humankind from sin, sorrow, and death. (John 3:16) The greatness of God's love can be further appreciated in that he did this for all humankind, even though the vast majority do not acknowledge either his Godship or his authority over their lives.

[2] Since the opportunity for everlasting life is available to all people, we want to do all we can to build up appreciation for God's love in the hearts of those with whom we share the good news. If people are going to serve Jehovah acceptably, they need to appreciate all that he has done for them, especially through the ransom sacrifice of his Son. How can we help them appreciate God's great love?

THE MEMORIAL

[3] On Friday, April 1, 1988, Jehovah's people will commemorate the death of Jesus Christ. The Scriptural talk that will be given on that occasion may help many new ones in attendance to appreciate more fully God's love and the need to live in harmony with his will. By all means invite as many people as possible to be present for the Memorial. Have you thought of inviting your neighbors? How about your relatives, schoolmates, and work associates? Use the Society's printed invitation to help you to start conversations.

[4] Elders are encouraged to make thorough preparation for the Memorial celebration. Is there adequate provision to accommodate all who are expected to attend, additional chairs being obtained if required? Where more than one congregation will use the hall, orderly arrangements and an appropriate schedule are needed so that each congregation will have sufficient time to celebrate the Memorial. The body of elders should select a well-qualified speaker who will present the information clearly and Scripturally. This will help all present to appreciate what God has done in their behalf. As a result, they will be able to see the need to respond wholeheartedly to his love.—See the February 15, 1985, issue of *The Watchtower,* page 19.

OFFER *CREATION* BOOK

[5] In addition to the gift of his Son, Jehovah has also shown his love for mankind by the things he has made. Yet, millions do not give credit to Jehovah for the marvelous creation that surrounds us. People need to appreciate the truth about the origin of life. Why? Because as stated in paragraph 3 on page 8 of the *Creation* book: "Our entire attitude toward life and the future is influenced by our viewpoint on the origin of life. And how life came to be here will definitely affect the future course of history and our place in it." Our new Topic for

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Help Those Attending Meetings

[1] David was expressing heartfelt desire when he said: "Among the congregated throngs I shall bless Jehovah." (Ps. 26:12) David identified the congregated throngs as worshipers of Jehovah. Is our heartfelt desire the same as David's? We can show that it is by regularly attending meetings where we can bless Jehovah and encourage others to do so.—Heb. 10:24, 25.

[2] Likely in your congregation there are a number of individuals who attend meetings but are not yet publishers of the good news. The latest meeting attendance figures for this country show that there are over 200,000 more attending the public talk than there are publishers associated. What can we do to help these persons qualify to participate in the ministry? Some are ① children of worshipers of Jehovah, but a great many are ② newly interested persons. Could we be of assistance to these interested ones? Some of them may be persons who are not yet studying. As you speak with them at the meetings, you may find that some would be happy for you to conduct a Bible study with them.

[3] The love of the brothers for one another and for new persons does not go unnoticed. As one young man said after attending a meeting for the first time: "I was surprised that they all knew one another and that the hall was alive with friendly conversation." This made him want to continue attending. He could see that the love the brothers had for one another was genuine.

WAYS TO ASSIST

[4] Our love and concern for others can be demonstrated by talking with them before and after the meetings. Such keen interest in the welfare of others was expressed by Paul. In Romans chapter 16, he sent greetings to a number of individuals, indicating that he knew them well and was concerned about their physical and

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 28

Song 114 Pub talk

7 min: Local announcements. Encourage all to support field service on first Sunday of March. Obtain supply of *Creation* books and magazines for use in field service during week.

18 min: "Help Others to Appreciate God's Love." Question-and-answer consideration of article. Encourage all who can to auxiliary pioneer during March and April.

20 min: New Topic for Conversation. Discussion and demonstration. Review Topic for Conversation and show how *Creation* book can be tied in. In introduction emphasize that family life today is threatened by many factors. As a result, there are broken homes and much unhappiness. (Ask householder what he feels is the solution to this problem.) Thereafter state that there is a need to look to the Creator of mankind for direction. God instituted the family arrangement. (Read Genesis 1:27, 28.) Then you could say: "Did you know that more and more people, including scientists, believe that humans were created? God's written Word, the Bible, contains direction that if followed can contribute to a happy family life and can provide hope for better conditions in the future. (Read Isaiah 48:17, 18.) It is important for sincere persons to read and pay attention to God's written Word." Offer *Creation* book, stating that this publication provides evidence supporting the creation account and establishes that God wants men and women to find contentment and happiness in life. (Consider illustration on page 34.) Turn to chapter 19 and select appropriate points and illustrations from pages 232-7, highlighting that all God-fearing people will be blessed when Paradise is restored. Then offer publication for contribution of $2.50. Have qualified pioneer or publisher demonstrate use of new Topic and offer *Creation* book. After demonstration, consider other talking points that can be used from publication.

Song 154 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 6

Song 155

7 min: Local announcements. Encourage all to support magazine day on Saturday, March 12. Briefly demonstrate presentation of current magazines.

JA

18 min: "Help Those Attending Meetings." Question-and-answer consideration of article. Highlight need to help newer ones to qualify to share in the field ministry. DW

12 min: Discussion and Interviews. Elder considers what local congregation can do to render increased assistance to those who attend meetings, with the goal of helping them become publishers. Interview two or three publishers, outlining specifically what they have done to assist and encourage such ones. ES

8 min: Question Box. Discussion with audience.

Song 101 and concluding prayer.

KW
DW

WEEK STARTING MARCH 13

Song 92 RT

10 min: Appropriate Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry* and local announcements. Include accounts report. Read appreciatively Society's acknowledgment of all contributions, including donations to Society Kingdom Hall Fund and for missionary travel. LA

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—With Help From Jehovah's Spirit." Question-and-answer consideration of article. Stress need to reflect the fruitage of Jehovah's spirit when in the ministry. BB

8 min: Make Good Use of Theocratic Calendar. Talk. Encourage all to use Society's calendar. Make notes of schedule for field service and other theocratic activity. (Eccl. 3:1) The weekly Bible reading schedule is printed on calendar. This serves as reminder to read Bible daily. (Ps. 1:2) Take note of Bible reading during week of Memorial. The yeartext is emphasized, and the illustrations stimulate our desire to participate in the field ministry. Review with audience various scenes from 1988 calendar. Pictures also remind us of our worldwide brotherhood. Use calendar to direct Bible students to organization. Place calendar in convenient location in home where it can best serve the needs of entire family. (Note *Our Kingdom Ministry,* April 1983, page 7.) JM

12 min: Invite interested persons to Memorial. Discussion and demonstration by service overseer. Highlight need to invite all family members, Bible students, and interested persons to Memorial on Friday evening, April 1. Make good use of printed invitations. Arrange for qualified publisher to demonstrate how to invite Bible student to Memorial, using information under the subject "Memorial" in the *Reasoning* book, pages 266-9. Service overseer concludes by encouraging all to make list of persons we want to invite and to make special effort to contact them.

Song 29 and concluding prayer.

JA
ALW

WEEK STARTING MARCH 20

Song 151 DS

10 min: Local announcements and Theocratic News. Encourage all to participate in field service this weekend. Consider "Adjustment in *Watchtower* Study Schedule." As time allows, briefly relate experiences in placing *Creation* book.

KW

15 min: "Support Midweek Service Arrangements." Question-and-answer consideration of article. Announce local arrangements.

JA

8 min: Preparations for Memorial. Talk by presiding overseer. Announce time of Memorial and outline local arrangements. (Note *Our Kingdom Ministry,* March 1987, page 3, "Things to Prepare.") Mention last year's attendance worldwide and locally and remind all to contact interested persons who have not yet been invited. ES

12 min: Can You Auxiliary Pioneer During April? Discussion. Encourage all who can to auxiliary pioneer during month of April. Interview one or two publishers who have made plans to pioneer. How did they arrange their schedule to devote 60 hours to the ministry? What joys and benefits do they anticipate? Encourage all who can to work with pioneers and spend as much time as possible in the field ministry during April.

Song 87 and concluding prayer.

BB
JM

WEEK STARTING MARCH 27

Song 197 JT

15 min: Local announcements. Remind all that the Memorial will be held on Friday evening, April 1. Encourage publishers to offer subscription on first Sunday and all during April. Illustrate specific articles from the April 1 and April 8 magazines that can be tied in with the current Topic for Conversation. Have brief

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Announcements

- Literature offer for **March**: *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* for a contribution of $2.50. Small-size books are $1.25. **April and May**: *Watchtower* subscription for one year for a contribution of $5.00. If subscription is not taken, offer two magazines and a brochure for 80¢.
- The presiding overseer or someone designated by him should audit congregation's accounts on March 1 or as soon as possible thereafter.
- New Publications Available:

True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It? —Greek
The Government That Will Bring Paradise —Estonian
The Time for True Submission to God —Yoruba

Meetings *(Cont'd)*

demonstration featuring presentation of *Watchtower* subscription.

15 min: "The Value of Singing in True Worship." Talk based on December 1, 1987, *Watchtower*, pages 25-7. Highlight need for all to sing enthusiastically and from the heart.

15 min: Local needs. Unless there is a more pressing need, qualified elder can highlight the importance of being on time for meetings and theocratic appointments. This includes circuit assemblies and district conventions. Review information from December 1983 issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry*, page 1, on the subject "Punctuality—A Mark of Thoughtfulness."

Song 205 and concluding prayer.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *United in Worship of the Only True God:*

March 6: Pages 127 to 130, par. 11
March 13: Pages 130, par. 12 to 135, par. 11
March 20: Pages 136, par. 12 to 140, par. 3
March 27: Pages 140, par. 4 to 143, par. 10

Suggested Bible reading schedule for Memorial week:

Sunday, March 27 (Nisan 9)
Mark 14:3-9; 11:1-11
Monday, March 28 (Nisan 10)
Mark 11:12-18
Tuesday, March 29 (Nisan 11)
Mark 11:19–13:37
Wednesday, March 30 (Nisan 12)
Mark 14:1, 2, 10, 11
Thursday, March 31 (Nisan 13)
Mark 14:12-16
Friday, April 1 (Nisan 14)
Mark 14:17–15:47

Support Midweek Service Arrangements

1 In his prophecy concerning the time of the end, Jesus said, "In all the nations the good news has to be preached first." (Mark 13:10) In obedience to this command, Jehovah's people all over the world are active in the ministry not only on weekends but throughout the week as well. Local elders are encouraged to schedule appropriate meetings for field service during the week. Are you able to share in midweek field service with others in your congregation? 9:30 Each day

ORGANIZED ARRANGEMENTS NEEDED

2 The service overseer should take the lead in making definite arrangements for midweek service. The locations, days, and times should be convenient for the majority of publishers. Meetings for field service are sponsored by the congregation and would normally be presided over by elders, ministerial servants, or other qualified baptized brothers. If such qualified brothers are not available, capable baptized sisters can be assigned. (Note *Organized to Accomplish Our Ministry,* page 77, paragraph 3.) A sister assigned should wear a head covering and would normally sit when conducting the meeting for field service.

3 Those assigned to conduct these meetings should be well prepared. The daily text can be discussed, especially if it is appropriate for field service. Points from Meetings for Field Service should be used. Appropriate territory and group assignments should be made. Special interest can be shown in helping newer publishers who may be participating in the ministry.

SUPPORT LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

4 Those who support midweek arrangements for field service have many opportunities to meet householders who may not be home on weekends. You may be able to work with other publishers and pioneers who share in the field service during the week. Many sisters with children in school appreciate these arrangements. Some publishers with unbelieving mates have found arrangements to go in field service on weekdays quite helpful. Youths on vacation from school are able to support midweek service arrangements. Often pioneers and experienced publishers are available to accompany new and inexperienced ones in the various features of the ministry during the week.

5 All are encouraged to arrive on time and share in the discussions and prayer. Your doing so will help you to participate zealously in the field ministry and search out deserving persons in your assigned territory. —Matt. 10:11.

Attending Meetings *(Cont'd)*

spiritual welfare. (Rom. 16:1-16) He sent greetings to some who had been "in union with Christ" longer than he, indicating his interest in persons in all stages of spiritual growth. His comments about them reveal he had taken time and interest to get to know them. He understood their problems and could help them spiritually. Coming to the meetings early provides a fine opportunity to get better acquainted with others and to encourage them. Why not try diligently to arrive 15 to 20 minutes before the meeting starts and stay awhile afterward so you can share more fully in encouraging others.

5 We can encourage newer meeting attenders by showing them how to prepare for the meetings. They can be encouraged to answer questions at the meetings and join the Theocratic Ministry School when they qualify. A few practical suggestions from an experienced publisher can assist newer ones in preparing talks and in making pointed comments in their own words.—See *School Guidebook,* studies 4, 7, and 18.

6 As a part of Jehovah's congregated throngs showing genuine love for one another, we grow spiritually, and a stronger bond of unity results. (Gal. 6:10) Our desire to be involved in congregation activities deepens, and we seek to have a greater share in the preaching and disciple-making work. Let us, therefore, continue our loving efforts to help new ones to praise and honor Jehovah.

DECEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	255	128.1	81.4	53.1	5.6
Pios.	58,495	80.7	37.6	27.7	2.8
Aux. Pios.	32,130	58.4	27.6	16.5	1.5
Pubs.	666,133	9.7	6.5	3.7	0.5
TOTAL	757,013				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,245

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With Help From Jehovah's Spirit

¹ In order to be successful in the Kingdom ministry, we need Jehovah's direction and blessing. It is vital that we pray for the help of holy spirit in our activity, since Jesus assured his disciples that God will give holy spirit to those asking for it. —Luke 11:13.

² When witnessing to certain types of people, we may feel a need to be particularly well prepared. (Compare 1 Corinthians 2:1-5.) But God's spirit will help us if we ask for it, and we will be able to convey the truth accurately and clearly.

³ Holy spirit will give us the needed boldness to speak the truth to "all sorts of men." (1 Tim. 2:3, 4; 1 Thess. 2:2) Of course, being bold does not mean that a Christian would be overbearing or defiant in his manner.

CULTIVATE FRUITAGE OF SPIRIT

⁴ The apostle Peter states that when speaking, we should have "a mild temper and deep respect." (1 Pet. 3:15) Mildness is a fruit of the spirit and is especially important when dealing with unreasonable persons. Other fruitage of the spirit will also help in dealing with trying situations. (Gal. 5:22, 23) There is no need to view rejection by some as a personal affront. Rather, realize that they may not understand the value of the message we bring. Having this mental attitude will help us to be mild and respectful. If appropriate, make a kind expression when departing. This could have a beneficial effect on persons not favorably disposed. —Prov. 15:1.

⁵ Whether we are working in the ministry from house to house or on the street, we are being observed by others. Our conversation and behavior should always be inoffensive and above reproach. Not everyone appreciates our work. Many will not listen. Do not become discouraged. Remember that we are looking for sheeplike ones. (Matt. 10:12-14) Our manners in field service should honor God by reflecting the fruitage of his spirit. Good manners and thoughtful consideration of others may soften the hearts of some. —2 Cor. 6:3.

⁶ If the person we speak to is genuinely busy, we may be able to make only a few brief remarks. But our being considerate may well bring a warmer response the next time a Witness calls. God's spirit will help us to demonstrate genuine love and be long-suffering and kind. We rejoice that God in his mercy often grants people many opportunities to hear, with the result that some eventually do believe.—1 Cor. 13:4.

⁷ As we let God's spirit direct our efforts, we will present the Kingdom message in a way that is appealing to reasonable and God-fearing people. Make it your goal to "adorn the teaching of our Savior, God, in all things."—Titus 2:10.

God's Love *(Cont'd)*

Conversation and the *Creation* book can be used to help honesthearted individuals to appreciate that Jehovah is the Creator of life and the family arrangement.

⁶ March and April have proved to be excellent months in which to share in the auxiliary pioneer service. No doubt many elders and ministerial servants, along with their family members, will be able to take part, thereby setting a fine example for the congregation.

⁷ During March, use every opportunity to help others to appreciate God's love by inviting new ones to the Memorial and by offering the *Creation* book. Thus we can show that we greatly appreciate Jehovah's love.

Question Box

- When is it proper to leave free literature, and how should this be done?

If someone is interested but cannot afford to contribute for the literature, we could give the person a booklet, an older magazine, or a tract. Perhaps some back issues of the magazines could be distributed free when visiting nursing homes and hospitals. They could be left at Laundromats or in the lobbies of residential buildings where our work is restricted. However, good judgment should be exercised as to how many and how often magazines are left at one place. The managers of some of these places have complained because of having to discard magazines when there are too many left over a period of time.

Some publishers may occasionally leave a single older issue of a magazine at the door when no one is at home. However, if we were to leave magazines indiscriminately at not-at-homes each time the territory is worked, people might reason that the magazines are free. So it is good to use discretion in this matter. If the congregation is experiencing problems because older issues frequently are left when people are not at home, the local body of elders can review the matter and make suggestions that would be appropriate for the territory and in the best interests of the work. It may be more appropriate to leave tracts at not-at-homes.

Since worldly persons with bad motives may look for outward indications that no one is home, a tract or an older magazine that is left at a door should be placed completely out of sight. (Matt. 7:12) If other printed material is found at a door, it may not be good to leave anything additional on that occasion. No literature of any kind should be left in mailboxes, since that is prohibited by postal regulations in the United States.—See *Our Kingdom Service,* May 1981, page 8.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **Lesotho was able to report a new peak of 1,068 publishers for October. Freak snowstorms in the mountains disrupted the work of many pioneers and publishers, but none of our brothers were injured or died from the extreme cold weather.**

◆ **Malaysia was happy to report a new peak of 861 publishers for October.**

◆ **Panama reached its fourth consecutive publisher peak with 5,138 reporting, an 8-percent increase over last year's average.**

◆ **Portugal had a new publisher peak for October, with 32,202 reporting. There was a 21-percent increase in the number of regular pioneers in comparison with the same month last year.**

◆ **Thailand had a new peak of 952 publishers for October.**

◆ **The brothers in Truk report a new peak of 55 publishers for October, a 45-percent increase over last year's average. Their recent circuit assembly had a peak attendance of 108.**

Adjustment in *Watchtower* Study Schedule

Beginning with the March 1, 1988, issue of *The Watchtower,* the *Watchtower* Study schedule that appears on page 2 of each issue will be adjusted so as to indicate weeks beginning on Monday instead of Sunday. According to this arrangement, material assigned for the week of March 28 will be considered on April 3 by congregations that have their *Watchtower* Study on Sunday.

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Meetings for Field Service

APRIL 4-10

How can we encourage Memorial attenders to

1. Have a Bible study?
2. Attend meetings regularly?

APRIL 11-17

What will we highlight

1. In using current Topic for Conversation?
2. When featuring *Watchtower* subscription?

APRIL 18-24

Preaching with boldness

1. Why do we need to be bold, yet tactful?
2. What can we say to people who say we are doing a fine work?
3. Explain Ezekiel 33:8, 9.

APRIL 25–MAY 1

Tracts

1. Briefly review tract themes.
2. Why have a few available at all times?
3. When and where can they be used?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

The Bible Benefits Family Life.

Gen. 1:27, 28—God instituted the family arrangement.

Isa. 48:17, 18—Family members benefit from heeding God's Word.

Not Missing the Purpose of Our Field Ministry

1 In many areas today a publisher may spend an hour or more in the field ministry without having an opportunity to witness to anyone or place any literature. Perhaps few people are at home, or when someone is found at home he may tell us he has his own religion and is not interested in changing. Another may say: "You are doing a fine work, but my religion supplies me with all the literature I need." When this happens, do we just say "Thank you" and proceed to the next door, or do we at least attempt to explain the purpose of our call?

2 Jesus met with similar problems in his ministry. When certain disciples of the Pharisees said: "Teacher, we know you are truthful and teach the way of God in truth," he unhesitatingly gave such an effective witness that they marveled at what he said. He did not allow their flattery to deter him from giving a bold witness. —Matt. 22:15-22.

MORE URGENT NOW

3 Some day we will make our last call on the people in our territory. Every time we engage in the field ministry, we should do so with that thought in mind. (2 Cor. 6:2; Isa. 55:6) People must be warned that Jehovah's "day of vengeance" is near, and they must be helped to find the only way of survival.—Isa. 61:1, 2; Ezek. 33:8, 9.

4 When presenting the current literature offer, doing magazine work, or making a return visit, do not hold back from speaking the truth with dignity, tact, and good manners. Always show proper respect for the householder, and at the same time, do all you reasonably can to help the householder understand the purpose of your call.

ACCOMPLISHING OUR PURPOSE IN APRIL

5 Your opening words are very important. What you say in your introduction often determines whether you will capture the person's attention and be able to continue the conversation. What are some of the common objections in your area? It may be advisable to raise one of these in your introduction.

6 For example, if the people in your territory are religiously inclined and the territory is worked frequently, you might say: "You probably recognize that we are Jehovah's Witnesses. If you personally are associated with one of the churches in the area, you may wonder why we call so often. [Allow for comment.] One serious problem that concerns us is the

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Helping Others Appreciate Spiritual Things

1 What a heartwarming occasion the Memorial proves to be! Each year we are reminded of the value of Christ Jesus' sacrifice in behalf of all mankind. This very special celebration affords us the opportunity to help new ones appreciate more fully the spiritual things God has provided through his beloved Son. (Mark 9:7) How can we help those who attend the Memorial to associate regularly with the congregation?

2 Undoubtedly, the majority who attend the Memorial, even for the first time, recognize in themselves a spiritual hunger that needs to be filled. (Matt. 5:3) What can we do to stimulate them to seek ways to care for this need?

3 One thing would be to call on them as soon as possible. Show a personal interest and offer to help them make spiritual progress. Many who attend the Memorial do not have a personal home Bible study. Help them to understand that in order to benefit fully from Christ Jesus' sacrifice and have Jehovah's approval, a regular study is needed. Endeavor to make arrangements for such a spiritual feeding program at their convenience.

4 If you make a visit the week following the Memorial and endeavor to arrange for a Bible study, at the same time you can extend a warm invitation to the special talk on April 10, "Why Live by Bible Standards?" Offer to accompany them to the Kingdom Hall, providing transportation if needed.

EXTEND THE INVITATION TO WITNESS

5 What about those who are studying already and perhaps attending meetings on a regular basis? What further progress do they need to make? Have you suggested that they try to witness to their friends, relatives, workmates, and others on an informal basis? This will help them to progress spiritually. They will be showing their gratitude for Jesus'

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING APRIL 3

Song 10

12 min: Local announcements. Summarize information in "What Are Your Plans for April?" There is still time to submit an application for auxiliary pioneer service during April. Encourage resumption of evening witnessing if it was curtailed during winter months. Recommend that special effort be made on Saturday, April 9, to invite people to the special talk "Why Live by Bible Standards?" If time permits, ask audience to comment on what they plan to say when inviting friends, neighbors, and relatives to talk. Suggest using T-13, *Why You Can Trust the Bible*.

18 min: "Not Missing the Purpose of Our Field Ministry." Question-and-answer discussion. Feature two or three brief demonstrations using information on pages 13-15 of *Reasoning* book under "Last Days," "When Many People Say: 'I Have My Own Religion,'" and "When Many People Say: 'I'm Busy.'" Encourage enthusiastic participation in subscription offer.

15 min: "Helping Others Appreciate Spiritual Things." Questions and answers. After paragraph 7, have an experienced publisher demonstrate how to invite a Bible student to share in the field ministry.

Song 126 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 10

Song 91

LA

10 min: Local announcements and appropriate Announcements in *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Accounts report. Include Society donation acknowledgments and commend brothers for material support of congregation. Demonstrate two 30- to 60-second presentations for current magazines.

JA

15 min: Why Christians Must Be Honest. Talk based on cover articles in February 15, 1988, *Watchtower*.

FS

20 min: "Setting Aside Time for Theocratic Provisions." Questions and answers. Draw out comments from audience as to how newly interested ones can be encouraged to prepare thoroughly for their weekly Bible study. Include comments on cited scriptures.

Song 177 and concluding prayer.

JM
JA

WEEK STARTING APRIL 17

Song 203

alw

12 min: Local announcements and Question Box. Have well-prepared publisher demonstrate subscription offer, tying it in with concluding comment on Isaiah 48:17, 18 according to Topic for Conversation.

RJ

18 min: How Can We Help Our Pioneers? Talk based on key points from August 1986 *Our Kingdom Ministry* insert, paragraphs 12-20, and article in March 1, 1982, *Watchtower* on "Jehovah Sustains His Army of Full-Time Servants." Pioneers need and appreciate our support. Emphasize what local congregation can do to give encouragement and assistance.

JM

15 min: Service overseer interviews brothers assigned to care for literature and magazine departments. (*om* p. 124) Have them review briefly the functions of their departments. Explain how cooperation of all in congregation is important. Encourage placing orders for special items through the congregation rather than ordering directly from the Society, regularly picking up personal magazine order, giving notice well in advance for any changes in magazine order, and so forth. Include expressions of appreciation for the work ministerial servants do on behalf of the congregation and for the cooperation of the publishers in these necessary matters.

Song 223 and concluding prayer.

WR

WEEK STARTING APRIL 24

Song 130

12 min: Local announcements. Theocratic News. Demonstrate brief presentation of current magazines to be offered this week. Feature one article in each issue that may have the most appeal locally. Encourage sharing in service on first Sunday of May.

18 min: Presenting the Good News—By Using Tracts at Every Opportunity. Question-and-answer discussion. Include brief demonstrations of using tracts in informal witnessing at school and at work.

15 min: Local needs. Or talk on "Ignoring Warnings and Testing God" in December 15, 1987, *Watchtower*, pages 21-5.

Song 55 and concluding prayer.

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worldwide breakdown of the family. The *World Book Encyclopedia* said: 'Entire civilizations have survived or disappeared, depending on whether family life was strong or weak.'" From that point, lead into Genesis 1:27, 28.

⁷ Problems associated with the family will be featured in the April and May issues of *The Watchtower*. Therefore, after reading Isaiah 48:17, 18, state with conviction that *The Watchtower* has helped millions of families to live happier, more productive lives. You may wish to mention how it has helped you personally. Comment briefly on one of the feature articles and let the person know he can have *The Watchtower* come in the mail for an entire year for just $5.00.

⁸ "The time left is reduced." (1 Cor. 7:29) We do not know how many opportunities are left to locate the remaining sheeplike ones. People who are not displaying a love for the truth need to be warned. With the world gripped in a plague of apathy, we must preach the truth with boldness and conviction while there is yet time. (Acts 4:29, 31; 14:3) If we do our part to accomplish the purpose of our ministry, we can rest assured that the "sheep" will respond to the Fine Shepherd's voice.—John 10:4, 27.

What Are Your Plans for April?

¹ The month of April begins a period of increased field service activity for many of us. In some areas the weather has moderated and is more favorable for staying out in the field service for longer periods of time. April usually proves to be an ideal month for setting personal goals of increased activity in the ministry.

² What field service arrangements has your congregation made for April? Will there be additional meetings for field service, including evening witnessing? Will you be able to adjust your schedule so as to take advantage of these arrangements and work with others in the field service? Can you temporarily set aside other activity that is less important?

³ In addition to making calls on those who attend the Memorial, April would also be a good time for a renewed effort to locate interested persons who have been too busy to talk

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Announcements

- Literature offer for **April and May:** *Watchtower* subscription for one year for a contribution of $5.00. Six-month subscriptions are $2.50. **June and July:** *Survival Into a New Earth* or *Happiness—How to Find It* for contribution of $1.00 each.
- District convention badge cards for 1988 in English and Spanish will be consigned and included with April literature shipments. It will not be necessary to order these. Based on the size of each congregation, consignments in lots of 25 will be made. The literature account will be billed at the rate of two cents per card.
- Elders should be sure to notify the Society whenever a regular pioneer is removed or has to go off the list, using the S-206 form. Anyone who has to stop pioneering must wait six months before he or she can reapply. A new application must be submitted before reappointment can be made.
- New Publications Available:
  - *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*—1986 Edition (Regular edition; *bi12* with marginal references) —Dutch
  - *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*—1987 Edition (Deluxe edition), available in black or maroon —Italian
  - *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures,* (Deluxe pocket edition; *DLbi25*), available in black —Japanese
  - *United in Worship of the Only True God* —Igbo
  - *Worldwide Security Under the "Prince of Peace"* —Indonesian
  - *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* (Small size) —Romanian
  - *"Look! I Am Making All Things New"* (Brochure) —Arabic, Gujarati, Gun, Romanian, Sinhalese, Tamil
  - *The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever* —Estonian
  - *The Government That Will Bring Paradise* —Romanian
  - Tract No. 13 —Cebuano, Estonian, Iloko, Polish, Tagalog
  - Tract No. 14 —Cebuano, Iloko, Italian, Polish, Tagalog, Thai
  - Tract No. 15 —Cebuano, Croatian, Dutch, Iloko, Italian, Portuguese, Tagalog, Thai
  - Tract No. 16 —Cebuano, Chinese, Croatian, Dutch, German, Greek, Iloko, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Tagalog, Thai
- Out of Stock in U.S.A.:
  - *Our Incoming World Government—God's Kingdom* —English, Spanish

JANUARY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	276	128.6	79.0	52.4	5.3
Pios.	58,022	80.5	36.2	28.2	2.9
Aux. Pios.	28,140	58.6	26.9	17.7	1.6
Pubs.	678,383	9.8	6.5	3.9	0.5
TOTAL	764,821				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,273

Setting Aside Time for Theocratic Provisions

1 Jehovah has been most generous in fulfilling his promises to make divine wisdom available to his servants today. (Isa. 55:1; Dan. 12:4; Rom. 11:33; 1 Cor. 2:8-10) Are we personally showing our appreciation by setting aside time to take full advantage of his program for instructing us in the way of truth?

2 It requires some effort and self-control on our part to set aside *quality time* for personal study and meeting preparation. But do we not feel refreshed, yes, richly rewarded, when we buy out the necessary time each week for theocratic education? (Eph. 5:15-17) What are some of the wonderful provisions that Jehovah has made for teaching us?

WHAT HE HAS ARRANGED

3 First and foremost, we have the Bible as our main textbook. A fine Bible-reading program has been scheduled for each week. Are we keeping up with it? Is there a need to set aside time in our personal schedule for this?

4 Is anything else needed, or is reading the Bible enough? (Jas. 1: 5, 6) We also need the visible organization that Jehovah is using to supply us regularly with an abundance of spiritual food. This spiritual "food at the proper time" is provided in the form of Bible-based publications, arrangements for congregation meetings, circuit assemblies, and district conventions.—Matt. 24:45.

5 Another of Jehovah's provisions for theocratic education is that of loving shepherds. (Acts 20:28) When they visit us, elders may have specific information they want to discuss. Are we alert to apply quickly the suggestions they give? Conscientious overseers study diligently to keep abreast of the organization. (2 Tim. 2:15) They recognize that they have a serious responsibility before Jehovah to feed and protect the flock. All of us can benefit from their experience and the time they spend in our behalf.

HELPING OUR CHILDREN AND OTHERS

6 Instructing our children in the truth is an especially important aspect of theocratic education. Christian parents do not view it as optional for their children. Skillfully providing "discipline and mental-regulating" is so important. (Eph. 6:4) It often spells the difference between their growing to spiritual maturity or leaving the truth entirely. Time is needed for this instruction. There is no substitute.

7 Newer ones can be helped to appreciate the value of the time they set aside for their weekly Bible study. We should encourage them to be well prepared for each study. Right from the beginning we want them to be thoroughly "taught the word." (Gal. 6:6) If we do our part in teaching them, it will not be long before they will be eagerly participating with us in the evangelizing work. Theocratic education does not stop when they learn "the elementary things." (Heb. 5:12–6:3) We want to help them "press on to maturity." This takes time.

8 These are only a few of Jehovah's provisions for teaching us what we need. Other provisions are the circuit overseer's visit, the Pioneer Service School, and the Kingdom Ministry School.

9 All thanks are due Jehovah for providing the only education that will protect and guide us through these final days. May we make it our determination to set aside time to take full advantage of the theocratic provisions that our Grand Instructor has made for us. We can be sure that as we do so, we will keep progressing on the way to life everlasting.—Isa. 30:20, 21; Phil. 3:13-16.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *United in Worship of the Only True God:*

April 3:	Pages 144, par. 11 to 148, par. 6
April 10:	Pages 148, par. 7 to 151
April 17:	Page 152 (first and second sections)
April 24:	Page 152 (third and fourth sections)

Question Box

- Should pioneers obtain literature for family members at pioneer rates?

It is good to keep in mind why the Society makes it possible for pioneers to obtain literature at a reduced cost. This is a loving provision of the Society, at its expense, to help pioneers defray some of their expenses.

Accordingly, all publishers who are members of a pioneer's household and who are not pioneers, whether children or adults, should obtain their literature and magazines for field service at the regular publisher rates.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

By Using Tracts at Every Opportunity

[1] Some plants may produce hundreds or even thousands of seeds. In this way, Jehovah ensured that such plant life would always flourish on earth.—Gen. 1:29, 30.

[2] Similarly, in his great generosity, Jehovah makes the seed of Kingdom truth abundant not only in the mouths of his devoted servants but also in the form of the printed page. Think of the hundreds of millions of books, booklets, magazines, and brochures that have been distributed over the years. Last year a new set of tracts was produced. Are we using the tracts to spread the good news at every opportunity?

[3] In order to use the tracts effectively, we need to familiarize ourselves with them. Note that they are colorful and are printed on durable paper. Their handy size makes it convenient to carry some with us wherever we go. Most importantly, the Bible-based message in each tract is clear, to the point, and persuasive. Do you see the many opportunities there are to make use of them?

[4] **House-to-House Work:** Many publishers find that offering a free tract in their introduction opens the way for a conversation with the householder. You may wish to try this with the current Topic for Conversation, using *Life in a Peaceful New World* or *Why You Can Trust the Bible*. During a discussion at a door, you may learn that the person recently lost a loved one in death. How appropriate it would be to share the comforting message contained in the tract *What Hope for Dead Loved Ones?* Or the conversation may reveal that the person has some misconceptions about what Jehovah's Witnesses believe. The tract *What Do Jehovah's Witnesses Believe?* may be just what is needed. Often the householder is willing to accept a tract even if the literature offer is refused. We do not know what effect one tract may have on that person or on others in his household who may read it.—Eccl. 11:6.

[5] **Informal Witnessing:** During the course of our daily routine, we may have contact with any number of worldly persons. Wherever we are, the tracts help us to be prepared to give a witness. Opportunity for a brief oral witness can be enhanced by offering a tract for the person to read later.

[6] At your workplace, do workmates or others speak about the pressures and problems of living in this system of things? Would they like to know what has given you a hope for the future? If they truly are "sighing and groaning" over the world's unrighteous conditions, the information in *Life in a Peaceful New World* will strike a responsive chord in their hearts, opening the way for further discussion.—Ezek. 9:4.

[7] Do you young ones at school hear teachers or fellow students question the reliability of the Bible? *Why You Can Trust the Bible* contains a faith-building message showing the scientific and historical accuracy of the Bible that may stimulate their interest in learning more.

[8] Jesus said that our field for witnessing is the entire inhabited earth. (Matt. 13:38; 24:14) Thus, wherever there are people—at work, at school, in the waiting room of a doctor or a dentist, at the Laundromat or where we shop, at the homes of relatives or neighbors, or even at our own door when people stop for various reasons—let us take every opportunity to spread the seeds of Kingdom good news, trusting that some of these will fall on "fine soil" and result in further fruitage to Jehovah's praise.—Matt. 13:23.

Helping Others *(Cont'd)*

sacrifice and the truths they are learning.

[6] The Bible student may hesitate to speak with others, thinking they will not listen to the truth. He may need to learn that each individual is important to God, who sees the heart and knows when someone is ready to accept the good news. Help your student to realize that it is God's will "that all sorts of men should be saved and come to an accurate knowledge of truth." (1 Tim. 2:4; Acts 17:26, 27) Show him that Jesus Christ was sent by God to give himself as "a ransom in exchange for many." (Matt. 20:28) If your student can be helped to appreciate this, he will see why he should try to talk about the truth to everyone whenever he has the opportunity. His personal conviction will be strengthened, and he will have the joy that comes from giving of the most valuable treasure he possesses.—Gal. 6:6; Acts 20:35.

[7] Those who qualify should be invited to participate in the field ministry during the month of April. (Matt. 9:37, 38; *om* pp. 97-9) Jehovah favors those who are inclined to serve him even if their ability is limited. Truly, all of us are greatly privileged to be sharing in a lifesaving work in imitation of our Savior, Jesus Christ. (Matt. 28:19, 20) By fulfilling the commission to preach, we will all be heeding the counsel given by the apostle Paul: "Working together with him, we also entreat you not to accept the undeserved kindness of God and miss its purpose."—2 Cor. 6:1.

[8] We do not know how many more will yet come to appreciate the privilege of serving Jehovah. But we are assured that by continuing to help others appreciate spiritual things we will receive grand blessings, and so will they.—2 Cor. 6:2.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **Honduras reached a new peak of 4,896 publishers in November. The congregation publishers averaged 13.7 hours in the field.**

◆ **Iceland reached a new peak of 203 publishers for November. This is an 8-percent increase over last year's average.**

◆ **Tahiti had an increase of 7 percent in November for a new peak of 825 publishers. They also had a new peak of 1,215 studies.**

◆ **Togo had a new peak of 3,379 publishers in November as well as a new peak of 108 regular pioneers.**

Plans for April *(Cont'd)*

with you during the winter holiday season or who were not at home when you called. Although you may have already made several attempts to give a further witness, why not look through your records and call on these individuals again in an endeavor to renew their interest in the good news? Perhaps evening calls would be productive.

[4] Many brothers and sisters have arranged to auxiliary pioneer this April. These include some with family responsibilities and even some with full-time secular jobs. The 60-hour requirement means an average of only 2 hours per day for the month.

[5] If circumstances do not allow you to auxiliary pioneer during April, it may be possible for you to increase your field service activity by spending some time in the field with the pioneers or with others who are also endeavoring to increase their ministry for the month. You can be assured that Jehovah will bless your efforts. By his spirit he will give you strength to reach your goal.—Prov. 20:18; 21:5a.

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Meetings for Field Service

MAY 2-8
Introductions

1. Review three points under "Comments." (*rs* p. 9)
2. What are you planning to say?

MAY 9-15
Offering subscriptions

1. What articles will you present, and to whom?
2. What are the benefits of having a subscription?
3. To whom can you offer it?

MAY 16-22
Conclusions

1. How can we make an effective conclusion to our presentation?
2. If the offer is declined, what could we present?
3. If no interest is shown, how should we conclude?

MAY 23-29
House-to-house record

1. What notations do you make? Why?
2. Why list addresses of deaf persons and those who speak another language?
3. How will you use this information?

MAY 30–JUNE 5
How will you

1. Make a return visit on someone who promised to take subscription?
2. Highlight talking points in June literature offer?
3. Use the current Topic for Conversation?

Be Zealous for Pure Worship

1 Jehovah is the zealous God. (Isa. 9:7; 59:17) It is to be expected that all lovers of Jehovah would prove themselves to be zealous in worshiping him. Like Jesus, they manifest a genuine concern for the glory of Jehovah and the spiritual welfare of mankind. —Ps. 69:9; John 2:17.

2 Through Jehovah's organization we receive constant reminders to help us to be zealous in our service to Jehovah. By heeding these reminders, we will not be halfhearted in our worship. (Ps. 119:113) We will imitate such zealous men as Jehu and the apostle Paul, as well as other faithful servants of God.—2 Ki. 10:16; 1 Cor. 14:12.

IN THE FIELD MINISTRY

3 During the month of May, we will have many fine opportunities to demonstrate zeal as we continue to offer the *Watchtower* subscription. Since 1879 *The Watchtower* has been available on a subscription basis, and millions of people continue to benefit as regular subscribers. Over three million of its readers now enthusiastically present the *Watchtower's* Bible-based message to still others. During this *Watchtower* subscription campaign, we want to use the current Topic for Conversation, "The Bible Benefits Family Life." How can this be done?

4 After introducing yourself, you might ask: "Have you noticed that many families are finding it difficult to bear up under the pressures of life today? [Allow for reply.] While some seem to be doing quite well, many others are experiencing serious problems that range from disobedient children to child abuse and from general distrust to the breakup of marriage and family. Where do you think concerned family members can turn for trustworthy counsel and assistance? [Allow for reply.] The one that instituted marriage, the Creator himself, gives us the best counsel on family life. Notice how Genesis 1:27, 28 states God's purpose for the human family. [Read.] Since God instituted the arrangement, he is the One who knows what the family needs in order to achieve real happiness. We can all benefit from following God's instructions regarding family life. [Read Isaiah 48:17, 18.] For more than a hundred years, *The Watchtower* has directed the attention of its readers to Bible principles that benefit family life." Then, after calling attention to a specific point in the current issue, offer the subscription.

5 You may find it helpful to review the introductions found in the *Reasoning* book on pages 10 and 11 under the headings "Bible/God" and "Family/Children." These introductions can be adapted to fit the circumstances in your own congregation's territory.

6 Let true Christian zeal move you to speak about the message of pure worship published in *The Watchtower*. Speak in a positive way, with conviction, when offering the subscription. Sheeplike ones will hear the Bible message with appreciation and will respond favorably.

7 As we use every appropriate occasion to make the good news known, may honesthearted ones see that we are "a people . . . zealous for fine works."—Titus 2:14.

Help Children to Benefit More From Meetings

1 When your children are attending meetings, do they really listen? Can they relate to you afterward things they have learned from each meeting? Have you encouraged them to pay attention and make use of knowledge gained by careful observation? Do you set them an active example by your expressions in the meetings, one that they can see, hear, and imitate? Do your children imitate your faith? Positive answers to these questions are of vital importance if children are going to grow up as devoted servants of Jehovah.

INCULCATE IMPORTANCE OF MEETING ATTENDANCE

2 A child needs Bible instruction if he is going to have everlasting life. (John 17:3) If a child is going to learn to appreciate spiritual things, meeting attendance is necessary. At times, parents hesitate to bring children to meetings because they fear the children will disturb others. Some may leave their children at home to do their school homework. The wise parent, however, brings his children to the meetings. —Deut. 31:12.

3 The first thing a child should learn from infancy is that he goes to the Kingdom Hall to listen. But if he is given things to keep him occupied, such as toys or food, or if he is allowed to play at his seat, will he learn to listen and appreciate why we attend meetings at the Kingdom Hall? Admittedly, some children are

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING MAY 2

Song 186

10 min: Local announcements and Theocratic News.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—With Joy." Question-and-answer consideration. In connection with paragraph 3, demonstrate mature publisher helping newer one to prepare presentation, using Topic for Conversation and *Reasoning* book.

15 min: "Be Zealous for Pure Worship." Question-and-answer consideration of article. In considering paragraphs 3 and 4, demonstrate use of current Topic for Conversation with literature offer.

Song 16 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING MAY 9

Song 23

10 min: Local announcements and accounts report. Include expressions of appreciation for financial support of congregation. Read any acknowledgment of contributions sent to the Society. Encourage all to share in field service on second Saturday of the month. Have a 30- to 60-second demonstration on how to offer current magazines.

20 min: "Teach Students How to Use the Bible." Audience discussion. After considering paragraph 3, have brief demonstration with a publisher assisting a Bible student to find scriptures. Refer to listing of Bible books and explain how to look them up. Show him where the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures begin and end and how Bible books are divided into chapters and verses. Point out where Genesis and Revelation, as well as the book of Psalms, are found. When considering paragraph 5, explain how to use "Bible Words Indexed" feature.

JM

15 min: "Is Your Giving a Sacrifice?" Talk by elder, based on pages 28-31 of the December 1, 1987, *Watchtower.*

Song 118 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING MAY 16

Song 139 RM

10 min: Local announcements and discussion of Question Box.

PM

20 min: "Help Children to Benefit More From Meetings." Question-and-answer coverage of article. Include interview with youngsters. What have they been learning at the meetings or in their personal study? What experiences have they had in the field? Show the value of bringing children to the meetings and studying with them as well as taking them in the field.

DW

15 min: "The Theocratic Ministry School Library." Theocratic Ministry School overseer discusses article with audience, applying information to circumstances of local congregation.

Song 183 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING MAY 23

Song 30 DS

10 min: Local announcements. Consider talking points from latest magazines. Present two well-prepared 30- to 60-second demonstrations, one featuring *The Watchtower* and the other, *Awake!* Encourage all to share in magazine witnessing this Saturday. KW

15 min: Local needs or talk on "A Lesson in Forgiveness," pages 8 and 9 of the March 1, 1988, *Watchtower.* Make local application.

ES

20 min: "1988 'Divine Justice' District Convention." Question-and-answer coverage of paragraphs 1-18 of insert.

Song 31 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING MAY 30

Song 65 GF

5 min: Local announcements and Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry.* JA

25 min: "1988 'Divine Justice' District Convention." Question-and-answer coverage of paragraphs 19-31 of insert by presiding overseer. Help brothers appreciate that good conduct and dress are expected of all in the congregation. Comments may also be made on any local problems in connection with convention. As time permits, discuss "District Convention Reminders." TR

15 min: Literature offer for June and July. Zealous Congregation Book Study conductor discusses offer with audience, suggests practical talking points for local territory, and uses five minutes for demonstrating how to tie in presentation with Topic for Conversation suggested for June.

Song 68 and concluding prayer.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *United in Worship of the Only True God:*

May 2: Pages 153 to 156, par. 6
May 9: Pages 156, par. 7 to 161, par. 2
May 16: Pages 162, par. 3 to 170, par. 4
May 23: Pages 170, par. 5 to 172, par. 8
May 30: Pages 173, par. 9 to 177, par. 3

Help Children *(Cont'd)*

more attentive than others. However, when a child misbehaves, the wise parent will correct him and lovingly train him to listen, not by bribing him with candy or toys, but by applying the discipline of God's Word.—Prov. 13:24; Eph. 6:4.

YOUR EXAMPLE AS A PARENT

[4] *The Watchtower* of January 15, 1982, page 17, asked the following questions: "Do your children know that you take Bible study meetings seriously? Do they see that you consider these meetings important enough not just for you to attend but for you to *participate in,* offering comments when these are requested?" If your children see you chatting unnecessarily during the meetings or if you or others are playing with them, what impression will that make on them? How will they view meeting times? Since children are good imitators, your example can have a profound effect on them.

[5] Some parents have found it helpful to provide even small children with their own copies of the publications used at the meetings. Perhaps during the family study, they help their children prepare appropriate comments. Also, parents can encourage their children by reviewing points that were discussed during the meeting and by taking time to answer questions they may have. Parents should also be alert to commend their children for their participation in the meetings.

[6] It is true that this training involves hard work for the parents. However, doing things God's way produces good results. As the scripture says: "The righteous is walking in his integrity. Happy are his sons after him."—Prov. 20:7.

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1988 "Divine Justice" District Convention

1 Jehovah God loves justice and righteousness. (Ps. 33:5) His servant Elihu declared: "As for the Almighty, we have not found him out; he is exalted in power, and justice and abundance of righteousness he will not belittle."—Job 37:23.

2 Truly, Jehovah God has not overlooked the injustices that have been committed in this world. Since he is a God of unchanging moral standards, we can rest assured that he will not indefinitely tolerate the lawlessness of today. (Compare Isaiah 14:3-8.) In fact, Bible prophecy points to our time as the last days for this ungodly world. So we need to show by our works that we love righteousness and divine justice and that we keep ourselves separate from the condemned practices of this world.

3 Jehovah's Witnesses are looking forward to the "Divine Justice" District Conventions that are scheduled for 1988. A listing of 119 conventions in the United States was provided in the February 15, 1988, issue of *The Watchtower*. At district conventions we are truly taught by Jehovah. We attend with the mental disposition manifested in the inspired prayer at Psalm 119:33: "Instruct me, O Jehovah, in the way of your regulations, that I may observe it down to the last." Surely, these words express the feelings of all of Jehovah's dedicated servants today.

4 **PROGRAM FROM KEY CITIES**: Just as in 1983, arrangements have been made for conventions to be tied in by telephone line to a key city. In each of the six successive weeks that conventions are scheduled, those attending in Alaska, Bermuda, Canada, Hawaii, and the contiguous United States will benefit from talks given by members of the Governing Body. When you attend your convention, you will learn which is the key city when the program comes through. There is no need to write to the Society about this matter. Arrangements have also been made for missionaries to visit their home country and attend a district convention with their family and friends. A special part on the program will deal with the activities of the missionaries. At a number of conventions, missionaries will be invited to share their experiences with us.

5 **ATTEND ALL SESSIONS**: The "Divine Justice" District Conventions will last four days. Have you made plans to be in attendance at all the sessions? From the opening session on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. until the concluding prayer at approximately 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, important information essential to our spiritual health will be presented. A different aspect of divine justice will be highlighted each day. The program will include talks, demonstrations, and dramas. Therefore, do not miss even one session. It is appreciated that this may require you to make some personal sacrifices and adjustments in your schedule. You may have to make some arrangements with your employer so as to attend the convention. If you make the matter a subject of sincere prayer and put forth heartfelt effort to be there, Jehovah will certainly bless you.—Matt. 5:3.

6 Endeavor to arrive early each day and to be in your seat before the sessions begin. This will give you an opportunity to enjoy Christian fellowship with brothers and sisters from other places. (Rom. 1:12) It will also allow you to join in praising Jehovah with song, which is a very important part of our worship, and to share in the opening prayer. Consider also that those sitting around you will certainly appreciate that you have not distracted their attention from the program by arriving late. Christian love and consideration, along with respect for Jehovah and the spiritual things he is providing, should motivate us to do our best to arrive on time.

7 You have already been given information about the convention your congregation is assigned to attend. Information has also been provided regarding rooming accommodations and other arrangements for your convention. Considerable planning and work have been done to see that sufficient seating, literature, food, and other provisions are available for everyone. It is understandable that circumstances may prevent a few from attending where they are assigned. Some may need to assist relatives in another area. However, wherever possible, your cooperation in attending the convention to which your congregation is assigned will help to prevent overcrowding.

8 **PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT YOU HEAR**: "The sayings of Jehovah are pure sayings, as silver refined in a smelting furnace of earth, clarified seven times." (Ps. 12:6) Many of God's "pure sayings" will be heard at this "Divine Justice" District Convention. The information presented will not be a general message for the curious listener but will be special information for Jehovah's people, for those who are dedicated to him, who want to please him, who 'tremble at his word.' (Isa. 66:5) Of all people on earth, we are highly favored to be taught by Jehovah.—Isa. 54:13.

9 Listening means really paying attention with both our mind and our heart, with our ears and our powers of understanding. We need to listen and hear "the word of Jehovah." (Jer. 2:4) What we hear will include accurate knowledge to expand our understanding and deepen our appreciation. We will hear information to build our faith and strengthen our hope. We will receive counsel and discipline lovingly provided for our benefit. A great deal of time has been used to research and prepare the program. Therefore, it is essential that we listen and be awake to what Jehovah's Word is telling us. We can thus

benefit personally and so be able to use this information to help others.—Prov. 18:15.

[10] Since our primary purpose for attending the convention is to receive spiritual direction and encouragement, plan to arrive early enough to take care of matters that need attention, such as obtaining convention food tickets, and then be seated before the program begins. Doing this will leave you relaxed, with your mind uncluttered with concern over matters not directly related to the program.

[11] Be sure to get a good night's sleep each night so that you will be refreshed in the morning and can fully concentrate on the program during the day. Although convention time affords a fine opportunity to renew friendships and to enjoy pleasant association, if we stay up late into the night visiting with friends, we may not be alert to benefit fully from the program the next day.

[12] It is suggested that good judgment be used as to the items we bring to the convention site. In the past, some have brought large coolers or other bulky items that could not be placed under their seat. These have been placed in aisleways or on seats. We need to show consideration in such matters, since this has resulted in depriving brothers and interested persons of a seat and, in most instances, has violated fire and safety codes.

[13] **BAPTISM**: The talk to baptismal candidates will be given on Saturday morning. Baptism is the outward symbol that one has dedicated himself without reservation to Jehovah God. This part of the program is always one of the highlights of a district convention. All of us benefit by listening carefully and reflecting on our own relationship with Jehovah. Additionally, we share the joy of those being baptized.

[14] Those planning to be baptized at one of the district conventions should be sure to inform the presiding overseer well in advance of the convention so that there will be plenty of time to review the questions in the *Our Ministry* book. A modest bathing suit and a towel should be brought by each one who plans to be baptized.—See *Our Kingdom Ministry,* May 1987, page 3, paragraph 6.

[15] Baptismal candidates should endeavor to be in their seats in the designated section before the program begins on Saturday morning. After the baptism talk and prayer by the speaker, the session chairman will give brief instructions to baptismal candidates and then call for a song. All will stand during the singing of the song. Before the last verse has been sung, the attendants will direct the baptismal candidates to the immersion site or to vehicles that will take them there, while the rest of the audience completes singing the song.

[16] **TAKE NOTES**: Besides your Bible and songbook, remember to bring a notepad and pen or pencil. We may not be in the habit of taking notes during weekly congregation meetings because most of the talks and demonstrations are taken from material that is available to all in the congregation. However, listening to the information presented at the district convention is an entirely different matter. While some of the talks will in time appear in the publications, others will not. Even if all the talks were to appear in print, there are still significant benefits to be derived from taking brief, meaningful notes.

[17] For one thing, taking notes serves as an aid to concentration. Isolate the speaker's key points and key scriptures or new thoughts that may be presented. Then make brief notes of these. Usually a sentence or two will suffice for a key point. By following this suggestion, your concentration will unquestionably improve. You will be less likely to let your mind drift or be distracted. You will also be equipped to benefit from the review of the convention highlights with your congregation the following week.

[18] Will you have young children or teenagers with you? Then why not arrange for them also to take notes in accord with their age and ability? Let the family know that you plan to review some of the main points brought out by the speakers when you return to your place of lodging or while you are traveling home. Younger children can be encouraged to write down all the scripture citations or note how many times they hear a speaker refer to key words or the theme of the talk. By doing this, they will get much more from the talks. It is good for children to learn to pay close attention at Christian meetings. You will be helping them to build a solid foundation for the future.—Deut. 31:12; Eph. 6:4. Time For Vac

[19] **FINE CONDUCT**: Each year at the conclusion of our district conventions, we receive favorable comments about the orderliness and good conduct that OK was in evidence. Observers often remark about the neat appearance of adults and children alike, not to mention the peace and unity of the brothers while attending the convention. The year 1987 was no exception. But why do we mention this? Because it is encouraging to know that when we set a fine example, it is observed and appreciated by others. (1 Pet. 2:12) More importantly, though, it brings praise to God. We want to honor Jehovah in word and deed, and since people may judge the organization and even the God we worship by our conduct, we want to be ever conscious of how we act.

[20] There are a number of areas to which we will need to give attention in order to 'shine as illuminators' fully, especially when we are away from the convention grounds, such as at restaurants and motels.—Phil. 2:15.

[21] First, how are we doing in the matter of unnecessary seat saving? Improvement has been noted in this regard, and for this we commend you. However, we still need to pay attention to this matter, since some do abuse the arrangement. Please keep in mind that SEATS MAY BE SAVED ONLY FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS AND ANY

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WHO MAY BE TRAVELING WITH YOU IN YOUR OWN CAR. It is only natural to want to sit near the ones with whom we came, and it is expected that immediate family members would sit together. But please do not reserve seats for others. Oftentimes friends locate seats on their own, and the extra ones saved are not used. We can show appreciation for the convention and consideration for others by following these directions.—Matt. 7:12.

22 As dedicated servants, our conduct should be fine AT ALL TIMES. Exemplary conduct becomes especially noteworthy at large gatherings, and Jehovah's name is glorified by such conduct. However, poor conduct and thoughtlessness on the part of just a few can bring reproach on Jehovah's name and on his people. Reports have been received that a few brothers and their families have used poor judgment in their use of motel facilities. Recreation seems to be foremost on the mind of a few, so they leave the convention before the program has concluded in order to be first at the swimming pool. Some Witness children have not had proper supervision and have been very unruly. The spirit of the world becomes manifest among a few when they return to their accommodations. Some not only change into immodest and faddish attire but also change their conduct. At the convention, we see clearly what the Christian personality should be, but some, after leaving the convention site, seem to forget what they saw and heard on the program. (Jas. 1:22-24) Our presence at the convention and elsewhere, as well as our conduct and grooming, bear witness about us and the God we worship. VAC from truth

23 Of course, when the convention program is over, many enjoy getting together for a meal and association. This can be delightful and the time can be well spent in good conversation as we share experiences and review the convention highlights. It brings pleasure to us and glory to our God Jehovah as we "behave in a manner worthy of the good news." —Phil. 1:27.

24 A final kindly reminder has to do with visiting and talking during the sessions. Obviously, we are glad to see friends at the convention, but respect for Jehovah and consideration for our brothers should be foremost in mind. Hence, we would not want to be disturbing or distracting others during the program. If you have to leave your seat for some important reason, do it as quickly and quietly as possible. Also, while the program is on, no one should be visiting in the corridors. We are there to listen and to learn. —Luke 8:18.

25 **FOOD NEEDS**: As mentioned in the January 1988 *Our Kingdom Ministry* insert, the Society has simplified the food service arrangement at the district conventions by eliminating hot foods and serving only cold food items along with hot and cold beverages. This enables more of our brothers and sisters who work in food preparation to join us in the audience and benefit from all the spiritual food presented. We appreciate very much the willingness of those who volunteer to serve us at district conventions.

Purpose?

26 All attending the convention will find the food available to be satisfactory and nourishing, giving good variety for four days. Great care has been taken to buy food of the highest quality. Your fully utilizing the provisions available through the Food Service Department will support the convention operation.

27 **VOLUNTEER SERVICE**: The emphasis on simplification is particularly noted in connection with the man-hours needed to organize and operate a district convention. Those who have been in the truth many years will recall that previously, before and during large conventions, tens of thousands of volunteers were needed, devoting many hours of their time in various convention departments. That labor of love was deeply appreciated, but it often caused many of the volunteers to miss a great deal of the program.

28 While fewer volunteers and fewer hours are now required to do the work, volunteer help is still needed for the smooth operation of a district convention. Can you have a share? No one should feel that volunteering will mean missing most of the program as some have experienced in the past.

29 When you arrive at the convention site, check with the Volunteer Service Department. Even if you may be able to work for only a part of the convention, your services will be appreciated. You will find it spiritually rewarding to work at the convention. Children under 16 years of age can also contribute to the success of the convention, but they are required to work with a parent or a guardian.

30 **RECORDINGS**: It seems timely to clarify the Society's position on the use of video cameras as well as audio equipment. A consistent policy is desirable for all meetings—district conventions, circuit assemblies, special assembly days, and in Kingdom Halls. While there is no prohibition on the use of such equipment, it seems there must be controls and limitations. Attendants should be alert that those who use video cameras and audio recorders do not disturb others or distract attention from the program in progress. Brothers using such equipment should cooperate with the attendants and elders having oversight and not be pleasing themselves. Such equipment should not be set up in aisles or exits. No such equipment should be connected to the public address system or electrical outlets, nor will floodlights be permitted. In some cases, such equipment can be set up where it will not disturb the audience, such as in the back of halls.

31 **CONCLUSION**: There are good reasons why we want to be at the "Divine Justice" District Convention where we can worship Jehovah with thousands of our brothers. Also, conventions are spiritual feasts that strengthen our faith and deepen our appreciation for the truth. The prophet Isaiah

declared that Jehovah's servants "will not go hungry, neither will they go thirsty, nor will parching heat or sun strike them. For the One who is having pity upon them will lead them, and by the springs of water he will conduct them." (Isa. 49:10) Truly, Jehovah's people do not hunger spiritually or thirst for truth. Neither does the scorching heat of God's fiery judgments fall upon us. We know how good the spiritual provisions taste and how nourishing they are. That is why we rejoice at the opportunity to assemble together this summer for the "Divine Justice" District Conventions.

District Convention Reminders

ROOMING: Your cooperation in using the listing of accommodations provided by the convention is very much appreciated. If you have not already confirmed a reservation, please do so immediately if you are planning to stay overnight in the convention city. If you find it necessary to cancel your reservation for accommodations, you should write or phone the hotel/motel directly, doing so as far in advance as possible. If you have made duplicate reservations with the idea of selecting preferred accommodations upon arrival, please cancel immediately what you do not actually intend to use. (Matt. 5:37) We should work what is good toward all and not engage in worldly practices that could damage our reputation and relationship with motel managers who are giving us special rates.—Gal. 6:10.

Congregation convention coordinators should be sure that Special Needs Room Request forms have been promptly forwarded to the appropriate convention address. If you must cancel an accommodation made through the special needs arrangement, you should notify both the landlord or hotel/motel and the convention Rooming Department so that the room may be reassigned.

The convention Rooming Department will provide, upon request, available information on any commercial trailer or camping facilities in the convention area. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request.

BABY STROLLERS: In many states, baby strollers may not be used in places of public assembly. Fire regulations prohibit parking them in corridors, aisles, or between rows of seats. Since larger crowds may cause congested conditions, baby strollers are potentially dangerous not only to the baby but also to any who may stumble over them, so please do not bring them to the convention site. However, car or infant seats are permissible, since these can be secured in seats next to the parents. Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

PROGRAM TIMES: It is the course of wisdom and shows respectful appreciation if we are in our seats when the program begins. In all convention cities, the program on Thursday will begin at 1:30 p.m. with music, then song and prayer, and sessions will conclude by 5:10 p.m. In the Central and Mountain time zones, the program on Friday will begin at 9:20 a.m. and conclude at 4:40 p.m. On Saturday it will begin at 9:20 a.m. and conclude at 4:55 p.m. In the Eastern time zone, the program on Friday and Saturday will begin at 10:20 a.m. and conclude at 5:40 p.m. on Friday and 5:55 p.m. on Saturday. In the Pacific time zone, the program on Friday and Saturday will begin at 9:20 a.m. It will conclude at 4:30 p.m. on Friday and 4:35 p.m. on Saturday. In all time zones, on Sunday the program will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at approximately 4:00 p.m. The public address on Sunday will begin with song and prayer at 2:00 p.m.

GILEAD AND BETHEL MEETINGS: A meeting will be held on Friday for pioneers between the ages of 20 and 40 who are interested in attending Gilead School to receive training for missionary service. There will be a meeting on Saturday for any dedicated publishers and pioneers between 19 and 35 years of age who are U.S. residents and who would like to enter Bethel service. Announcements will be made at the convention regarding the exact times and locations of these meetings.

PIONEER IDENTIFICATION: All *regular* and *special* pioneers, as well as traveling overseers, will need to bring their Watchtower Identification and Assignment card (S-202) to the convention. Pioneers on the list for at least six months at the time of the district convention they attend may receive $20 worth of convention tickets upon presentation of their Watchtower ID card at that one convention only. Therefore, treat the card as carefully as cash. It cannot be replaced at the convention. Any gift releases or other literature at pioneer rates will be available to pioneers at the bookroom only, upon showing their Watchtower ID card. Those in Bethel service may obtain these same provisions by showing their Bethel ID card.

LAPEL CARDS: These cards are provided as a means of advertising the convention and identifying our brothers and sisters in attendance. To this end, please *wear* the specially designed lapel card at the convention and while traveling to and from the convention site. This often makes it possible for us to give a fine witness while traveling. Lapel cards can be obtained through your congregation; they will *not* be available at the conventions. The lapel cards cost two cents each. (Lapel cards have already been consigned to each congregation by the Society, but the plastic holders must be ordered by the congregation.)

A WORD OF CAUTION: Regardless of where you park, you should lock your vehicle at *all* times and *never* leave anything visible inside. Keep your belongings locked inside the trunk, if possible. Also, guard against thieves and pickpockets who are attracted by large gatherings. This includes not leaving anything of value unattended on seats at the conventions. Additionally, it has been reported that there is a greater risk of falls on stairs and ramps when sisters wear high-heeled shoes. Please be careful.

Teach Students How to Use the Bible

1 “When you received God’s word, which you heard from us, you accepted it, not as the word of men, but, just as it truthfully is, as the word of God.” (1 Thess. 2:13) As true Christians, we are concerned about letting the Bible speak. Therefore, when conducting a Bible study, help your student to appreciate that he is learning Jehovah’s thoughts, not man’s thoughts. By teaching students to use the Bible well, you can build in them confidence in the Scriptures, a solid foundation for faith, and the ability to defend their beliefs from the Bible. —2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 1 Pet. 3:15.

2 When do you start teaching the student to use his Bible? How do you teach him the order of the books of the Bible and how to locate scriptures? What can the student personally do to learn certain key scriptures, and how can you help him? There are various methods that can be used successfully.

USE THE BIBLE

3 From the start, show the student the page in the Bible that lists all the Bible books and show him how he can find each one. Many scriptures are quoted in the Society’s publications, and others are cited but not quoted. At first, it may be advisable to look up and read all of them from the Bible, thus emphasizing that it is a Bible study. This will take some extra time, but it will help the student to become familiar with his Bible. It will also develop his confidence that what is stated in the publications is Bible-based.

4 When the student asks questions, help him find the answers in the Bible by looking up appropriate scriptures. In this way he will know he is getting God’s answers to his questions. (John 17:17) Help the student to reason on the scriptures and to appreciate fully the Bible’s answer. At the end of a study, you may want to review two or three key scriptures by having the student look them up and explain them in his own words. This will enable him to defend his faith from the Bible. Also, by using the Bible, he will learn to speak with authority and conviction when sharing what he has learned with others.—Acts 17: 1-3.

5 Encourage the student to look up and reason on scripture citations as he prepares the lesson for his personal study, the *Watchtower* Study, and other meetings. Thus, he will be prepared to make good use of his Bible during the meetings and to give Scripturally based comments on the study material. Also, show him the list of “Bible Words Indexed” in the back of the *New World Translation*. This index will assist him in finding scriptures on many different subjects as well as answers to questions. When scriptures are personally read and examined, the impression of the truths being taught is considerably deepened.

6 Teaching students how to use the Bible will have lasting benefits. The student will recognize that the teaching he receives comes from God. Yes, “the word of God is alive” and powerful. (Heb. 4:12) We want to help others to become skillful in “handling the word of the truth aright.”—2 Tim. 2:15.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

The Bible Benefits Family Life.

Gen. 1:27, 28—God instituted the family arrangement.

Isa. 48:17, 18—Family members benefit from heeding God’s Word.

Question Box

- Why acquire a personal library?

One fundamental reason is that personal study is important to Jehovah’s Witnesses. (John 17:3) It is a convenience to have a library at home in order to do research, answer questions, and prepare for Christian meetings. We should not underestimate the value of having easy access to reliable Scriptural information.

Another reason for having a home library is related to the fact that each Christian must “carry his own load” of responsibility. (Gal. 6:5) When questions arise, it is good to have the habit of first doing our own research and only then asking questions of others if necessary. We can develop our powers of discernment and understanding by being diligent students of God’s Word and making good use of a home library.—Heb. 5: 11-14.

Some children have been assisted by their parents to build their own personal library, having in mind both present and future needs. No doubt about it, a good personal library is a valuable possession in a Christian home.

The Theocratic Ministry School Library

1 The apostle Paul urged Timothy to ‘continue applying himself to public reading, exhortation, and teaching, and to ponder over the things he had learned, to be absorbed in them, that his advancement might be manifest to all persons.’ (1 Tim. 4:13, 15) One way we can apply this admonition is through personal study and research. A good theocratic library can be very helpful to this end. It is good to have and use our own personal library at home. But the Theocratic Ministry School library located at the Kingdom Hall may have additional references, especially for newer ones who do not have personal copies of older publications.

2 In 1944 congregations were encouraged to establish a Theocratic Ministry School library at the Kingdom Hall. The purpose of the library was to enable students to have access to Society publications and other reference books advantageous for research and Bible study but not otherwise available.—Acts 17:3.

WHAT TO INCLUDE

3 What publications should be included in the Theocratic Ministry School library? Since its purpose is to aid us in Bible study, it should include current publications of the Society and a variety of Bible translations. Also, a good dictionary may be provided. (See Question Box, May 1972 *Kingdom Ministry*.) The *Watch Tower Publications Index 1930-1985*, which is designed for research and study, is an essential item in a good theocratic library. However, many Kingdom Halls do not have all the publications referred to in the *Index*. In order to make more material available, the Society is planning to reprint *The Watchtower* bound volumes for the years 1960 to 1979, in English only. This will make a fine addition to those Theocratic Ministry School libraries that do not already have these references.

4 The Theocratic Ministry School overseer is responsible for the library. A ministerial servant may be assigned to assist him in caring for it. The school overseer should be interested in helping new ones learn how they can use the library to gain the most benefit. He should also be alert to see that appropriate new publications are added and that the books are clearly marked to show that they are the property of the

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PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With Joy

[1] Jesus Christ found great joy in his ministry. For him, doing his Father's will was his food. (John 4:34) Likewise, Paul derived great joy from his work in the ministry. What was the secret of their having joy in the ministry despite the many hardships and persecutions they had to endure? Their service to Jehovah was whole-souled. They worked hard in their God-given assignments, and the result was joy because of their labors. (John 13:17; Rev. 14:13) How can you increase your joy in the ministry as you serve Jehovah? Joy + WORK

THINK IN TERMS OF HELPING PEOPLE

[2] Jesus Christ and Paul were excellent teachers. They aimed to reach the hearts of those who listened. Many did not respond, but those who did were a real cause for joy. (Phil. 4:1; compare Luke 15:7.) Yes, helping people to learn of Jehovah and seeing them take a stand for the truth makes us happy. In the first century, "the conversion of people of the nations" was a cause for "great joy to all the brothers." —Acts 15:3.

[3] You too can experience this joy by skillfully sharing what you know with others. Jehovah's organization has provided excellent tools to assist us as we teach others the truth. For example, we have the Topic for Conversation found in *Our Kingdom Ministry*. There is also the *Reasoning* book, which has many appealing introductions and answers to important questions that people ask. When you prepare for the ministry, think in terms of how you can use suggestions from *Our Kingdom Ministry* and the *Reasoning* book to help those living in your area. Work hard to help people get on the road to salvation by being well prepared to initiate good conversations with them. Such may lead to productive Bible studies and greater joy in our service.—Jas. 1:25.

A POSITIVE ATTITUDE

[4] Whether you are serving as a publisher or a pioneer, keep in mind the purpose of the ministry. (Matt. 24:14; 28:19, 20) The preaching of the good news for a witness is an assignment from God. It is a privilege, and we should appreciate that what Jehovah asks of his servants is not burdensome. (1 John 5:3) He wants his people to enjoy his service. Consequently, even though some may not respond favorably to the preaching work, you can still have much joy in the ministry. Why is this so?

[5] Jesus' disciples found great joy in their ministry, and he explained to them what their principal reason for joy should be. (Luke 10:17-20) Those of the "great crowd," who have earthly hopes, also have every reason to rejoice. (Rev. 7:9, 10) Whether your hope be heavenly or earthly, the fact that you are doing God's will should give you great joy because "your labor is not in vain in connection with the Lord." (1 Cor. 15:58) Jehovah "is not unrighteous so as to forget your work and the love you showed for his name." (Heb. 6:10) Serving Jehovah whole-souled is a source of joy for those who love him.—Ps. 40:8.

[6] A Christian should enjoy his service to God. Continue to find joy in the ministry, assured that Jehovah appreciates even the smallest act of genuine devotion. (Compare Mark 12:41-44.) May all of us continue to 'glorify our ministry' and experience the joy it brings.—Rom. 11:13.

Library *(Cont'd)*

congregation. All should cooperate with the school overseer in keeping the library neat and in good order. If you have publications you wish to donate to the library, then you can let the school overseer know what you have available.

MAINTAIN IN GOOD CONDITION

[5] The school overseer will arrange a periodic check of the library to see that it is in good order and that any repairs or replacements are cared for. Feel free to use any of the publications in the library before and after the meetings. However, no books should be taken from the Kingdom Hall. If there is some exceptional need, then the matter should be discussed with the school overseer. When more than one congregation meets in a Kingdom Hall, each congregation should have its own Theocratic Ministry School library.

[6] The Theocratic Ministry School library serves a very beneficial purpose. As we take advantage of this provision to do research, we can have the joy of uncovering the 'hidden treasures' of God's Word that give knowledge, wisdom, and understanding.—Prov. 2:4-6.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **Belgium had a new peak of 11,431 Bible studies for December, 1,094 more than a year ago.**

◆ **The Faeroe Islands reported 97 publishers for December, a 9-percent increase over the same month a year ago.**

◆ **Greenland reached a new peak of 105 publishers in December. In two years their number has increased 25 percent.**

Announcements

- Literature offer for **May:** *Watchtower* subscription for one year for a contribution of $5.00. Six-month subscriptions are $2.50. **June and July:** *Survival Into a New Earth* or *Happiness—How to Find It* for contribution of $1.00 each. **August**: One of the following 32-page magazine-size brochures for 30¢: *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!, The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever,* or *The Government That Will Bring Paradise.*
- One of the dramas to be presented at the "Divine Justice" District Convention is based on Ezekiel 9:1-11 and Numbers 35:1-34. Another is based on Genesis 6:1–7:24; 18:20–19:26. Everyone should read that material in order to benefit fully from the dramas presented.
- It is important that brothers planning charters to visit Brooklyn Bethel and Watchtower Farms first correspond by mail with the office at each location. Please provide information on the number coming and the dates for each location. The Society will provide directions and the route chartered buses should take. Address your mail to the Bethel Office, 124 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, NY 11201 and Route 1, Box 300, Wallkill, NY 12589.
- Please observe that beginning with this issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry,* schedules for the Service Meeting and for the Congregation Book Study show weeks beginning with Monday. This is consistent with the recent adjustment in the schedule for the *Watchtower* Study. Congregation Book Studies being conducted on Sunday will be affected.
- New Publications Available:
  Watch Tower Publications Index 1985 —Italian
  Tract No. 15 —Chinese
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  Jehovah Delivers Those Calling Upon His Name (single cassette; congregation and public: $2.00; pioneers: $1.75) —Danish, German, Swedish
  Ezekiel (set of four cassettes; congregation and public: $6.00; pioneers: $5.00) —English

FEBRUARY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	265	129.6	81.8	53.3	5.7
Pios.	57,856	79.8	35.8	27.5	3.0
Aux. Pios.	24,507	58.6	26.5	17.6	1.7
Pubs.	684,887	9.5	6.1	3.8	0.5
TOTAL	767,515				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,533

OUR KINGDOM MINISTRY

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Meetings for Field Service

JUNE 6-12

What points will you feature

1. In the *Survival* book?
2. In the *Happiness* book?
3. In the current magazines?

JUNE 13-19

With the current offer

1. How will you use the Topic for Conversation?
2. How can groundwork be laid to follow up interest?

JUNE 20-26

In your ministry today, how will you use

1. Illustrations?
2. Viewpoint questions?

JUNE 27–JULY 3

House-to-house record

1. What information will you write down?
2. When and how will you use the information?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

The Bible Benefits Family Life.

Gen. 1:27, 28—God instituted the family arrangement.

Isa. 48:17, 18—Family members benefit from heeding God's Word.

Imitating Jehovah by Exercising Justice

[1] "The Rock, perfect is his activity, for all his ways are justice. . . . Righteous and upright is he." (Deut. 32:4) These words of an ancient song highlight one of Jehovah's cardinal attributes, that of justice. Having made us in his image and likeness, Jehovah rightfully expects us to 'exercise justice in walking with our God.'—Mic. 6:8; Gen. 1:26.

[2] Our efforts to imitate Jehovah will be clearly manifest at all 119 "Divine Justice" District Conventions scheduled for the United States branch. (Eph. 5:1) Thousands of our brothers have been enthusiastically involved in making the necessary preparations, and it is with much anticipation that all of us look forward to this summer's "Divine Justice" conventions. Have you made definite arrangements to be present at every session?

AN OUTSTANDING FEATURE

[3] From Thursday through Sunday, a generous portion of spiritual food highlighting the need to uphold divine justice will be served by means of Bible lectures, demonstrations, interviews, and dramas. An outstanding feature of the conventions this year will be the arrangement for a number of cities to be tied in to a key city by telephone for special talks. During each of the six successive weeks that conventions are scheduled, there will be parts of the program originating from key cities. So no matter which convention your congregation has been assigned to attend, you will be able to benefit from the information presented by the Society's representatives.

[4] Additionally, the program will include experiences and information about the activities of brothers and sisters who are serving in the missionary work. Some of these missionaries might attend your convention and may be on the program. Their example of standing firm for divine justice, often in the midst of very difficult circumstances, can incite us to live and act in harmony with divine justice in all our dealings.

HELPING OTHERS TO 'OBSERVE JUSTICE'

[5] Have you personally invited your Bible students to attend the district convention? Would it not be a cause for joy if all the interested persons who were present at the Memorial celebration this year were also in attendance at the district convention? They could observe firsthand the happiness of Jehovah's people and receive information to convince them of Jehovah's ability and intention to put an end to all injustice. This convention could bring about a turning point in their life, motivating them to take a definite stand for the God of justice.

[6] Even though we will be attending a convention and many will be taking a vacation during these two summer months, we will want to maintain a good schedule for field service, directing interested persons to the Kingdom hope. During the months of June and July, we will be offering either one or both of the books *Happiness—How to Find It* and *Survival Into a New Earth* for the contribution of $1.00 each. Before leaving

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Giving Cheerfully as a Pioneer

[1] "God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7) The apostle Paul appreciated Jehovah's generosity and reflected this in his unstinting labors among the Thessalonians. Accordingly, he later wrote to them: "We were well pleased to impart to you . . . the good news of God." —1 Thess. 2:8.

[2] Do we feel the same way about sharing this spiritual treasure with others? If so, can we take a serious look at our prospects for serving as an auxiliary pioneer this summer and possibly entering the regular pioneer service in September?

WHAT YOU CAN DO

[3] Getting into the auxiliary or regular pioneer work is not likely to happen if left to chance. Positive effort springing from a rightly motivated heart will bring Jehovah's blessing. Take the matter to Jehovah in prayer. Express to him your heart's desire. (1 John 5:14; 2 Thess. 3:1) Make an honest appraisal of your circumstances to see wherein you can make adjustments so as to meet the requirements. Rising a little earlier in the morning to join other pioneers in field service may be all that is necessary for you to meet the pioneer schedule. Or perhaps evening witnessing will help you to achieve this.

[4] A frank discussion with other pioneers, your service overseer, or

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

NOTE: *Our Kingdom Ministry* will not outline a Service Meeting for the week starting July 18, thus allowing an open week for attending the "Divine Justice" District Convention. The Service Meeting for the week starting July 25 will be outlined to allow 10 minutes for local announcements and 35 minutes for a review of the convention program highlights. Those congregations having earlier conventions will adjust their schedules and fit in the outlined Service Meetings accordingly. In this way all the material in *Our Kingdom Ministry* for June and July will be covered. Publishers should bring the appropriate issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry* to the Service Meeting for the weeks thus affected. The day-by-day review of the convention program may be assigned in advance to two or three qualified brothers. This well-prepared review will focus on key points for personal application and use in the field. Any experiences used or comments from the audience should be brief and to the point.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 6 9

Song 57

10 min: Local announcements. Suggest appropriate presentations for current magazines, and encourage all publishers to participate in magazine work on second Saturday in June.

20 min: "Imitating Jehovah by Exercising Justice." Question-and-answer discussion of article. After discussing paragraph 6, demonstrate one or two ways to witness informally while traveling or attending conventions. Include brief appropriate experiences from audience as time allows.

1 **15 min**: Maintain a Good Service Record During Summer Months. Encouraging talk by service overseer or other qualified brother. Travel, attending convention, and vacation trip may tend to disrupt a good service schedule. Help brothers see need to be regular in field service during summer months, even when away from home. Make practical suggestions. Encourage attending meetings and going out in field service with congregation where vacationing. Also, have well-prepared publisher demonstrate how current literature offer may be made in house-to-house ministry.

Song 20 and concluding prayer.

PM JULY 21

RJ WEEK STARTING JUNE 13

Song 72 alw NY ASSEMBLY

10 min: Local announcements and selected Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. "Divine Justice" District Conventions begin this week. Accounts report. Express appreciation for financial support of congregation. Include Society's acknowledgment of any contributions sent by congregation.

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20 min: "Giving Cheerfully as a Pioneer." Questions and answers. Use final five minutes to interview publishers who are starting to auxiliary pioneer this month or next. Or interview regular pioneer who started as auxiliary pioneer. What has helped these publishers to enter pioneer service?

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15 min: Local needs. If no particular need, presiding overseer or service overseer can give encouraging report and talk on progress of local ministry. Include comments on coverage of territory, average hours, studies being conducted and new studies started, number who have pioneered thus far during service year, and so forth. Commend brothers for fine work being done.

Song 192 and concluding prayer.

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Song 26 DEMO - JULY 25

ACCTS REPORT

10 min: Local announcements. Two or three brief demonstrations of appropriate magazine presentations for this Saturday. Additional talking points may be suggested by audience as time permits. LA

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—From House to House." Questions and answers. Illustrate point made in paragraph 3 by a prepared brief local experience. After discussing paragraph 4, have one or two publishers prepared to express how they personally have benefited from engaging in house-to-house ministry. Encourage all publishers to have scheduled time each week for witnessing from house to house with regular literature offer.

15 min: "Jesus' Life and Ministry." Spirited talk with illustrations of ways to use this series of articles in *The Watchtower*. Are parents using these articles to help children grow in love for Jesus and in appreciation for what he did for mankind? Adults too benefit from consideration of these articles. As time permits, relate selected experiences on use of these articles.

Song 21 and concluding prayer.

WR WEEK STARTING JUNE 27 30

Song 71

10 min: Local announcements. Theocratic News. Encourage publishers to be out in field service on first Sunday in July. Relate preselected experiences highlighting placement of *Survival* and *Happiness* books from house to house.

20 min: "Experience the Benefits of the *Reasoning* Book." Audience discussion. Intersperse brief local experiences to illustrate suggested uses of *Reasoning* book. As time permits, have publishers comment on how they have improved their ministry by using the *Reasoning* book in field service.

15 min: "Young People Ask . . ." Elder presides over discussion by several exemplary young publishers about value of these articles in *Awake!* Can include comments on how they have benefited personally or how they have used these articles to help others.

Song 121 and concluding prayer.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *United in Worship of the Only True God:*

June 6: Pages 177, par. 4 to 183
June 13: Pages 184 to 187, par. 9
June 20: Pages 188, par. 10 to 191

Schedule for congregation studies in the booklet *Jehovah's Witnesses and the Question of Blood:*

June 27: Pages 3 to 9

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- The presiding overseer or someone designated by him should audit congregation's accounts on June 1 or as soon as possible thereafter.

- If the Congregation Book Study will not be conducted during the convention week, half of the material assigned for that week can be studied the week before the convention and the other half the week following the convention. In this way none of this important information will be missed.

- In response to the January *Our Kingdom Ministry* article "Do Not Let Your Hand Rest," many publishers are preparing to work unassigned territory or to assist a congregation temporarily in the coverage of its territory. Since many more now know when their summer or fall vacation period will be, perhaps more can buy out time as a family or as a congregation and share in working such territory where it is available.

- Contributions that congregations send to the Society for the advancement of Kingdom work, as well as contributions to the Society Kingdom Hall Fund or special contributions for other designated purposes, are acknowledged on the Society's monthly statements to the congregations. These acknowledgments include brief expressions of appreciation. The presiding overseer should observe such acknowledgments and have these called to the attention of the congregation each month when the accounts report is given. The Society wants the brothers to know that their contributions have been received and that they are appreciated.

- Congregations that have in stock the books *The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life* and *Is This Life All There Is?* in the English language on a better grade of paper should not use such publications in literature campaigns featuring older publications at a reduced price. Rather, these should be placed in the field at the regular price for pocket-size bound books.

- New Publications Available:
  - *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*, (Deluxe pocket edition; *DLbi25*), available in maroon —Japanese
  - *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?* —Papiamento, Portuguese
  - *United in Worship of the Only True God* —Hiligaynon, Papiamento
  - *"Look! I Am Making All Things New"* (Brochure) —Fijian, Hindi, Moore
  - *The Government That Will Bring Paradise* —Gilbertese
  - Tract No. 13 —Arabic

- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *Jehovah Delivers Those Calling Upon His Name* (single cassette; congregation and public: $2.00; pioneers: $1.75) —Japanese
  - Album for *The Watchtower* on cassette (empty) (Blue vinyl album for 24 cassettes with pressure-sensitive year label; congregation and public: $7.00; pioneers: $5.50) —English

- Out of Stock in U.S.A.:
  - *The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life* —Tamil

Experience the Benefits of the *Reasoning* Book

[1] What a tremendous work Jehovah has commissioned his dedicated people to accomplish in these last days! (Matt. 24:14; 28:19, 20) Without divine help to carry out this worldwide campaign, it would be an insurmountable task. How thankful we are for angelic assistance in declaring the everlasting good news!—Rev. 14:6, 7.

[2] It requires genuine effort on the part of evangelizers in order to reach the hearts of people of "every nation and tribe and tongue." But by means of his earthly organization, Jehovah has provided the needed help for us to do this. One such provision is the book *Reasoning From the Scriptures*, which contains a wealth of material on 76 subjects that can be used in discussions with people from varied backgrounds and walks of life.

[3] No doubt the consideration of this publication in the Theocratic Ministry School is benefiting you spiritually. But are you endeavoring to use this information in your ministry? Can you see improvement in your ability to reason with people? Although you may personally answer yes, it has been reported that many brothers and sisters are not using the *Reasoning* book, and some do not carry it with them when engaging in the ministry. Why is this so? Perhaps it is because they have not become familiar with the book's valuable features. Many who have applied themselves in using the *Reasoning* book have found that they can count on it for help at the right time, providing answers to a multitude of questions that people ask.

[4] One of its many helpful features is the index starting on page 439. It does not list every aspect of each principal subject, but it does provide many references that you will find beneficial when addressing certain situations.

[5] For example, we sometimes meet people who question the Bible's reliability. They may attempt to discredit the Scriptures or the beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses. They may ask a question such as, "Where did Cain get his wife?" Although you will not find this listed under "Principal Subjects" in the front of the book, if you look in the index under "Cain," you will find that the answer to that question is on pages 301-2. Or someone may say that the love of God is violated by the destruction of the wicked. If you look under "Love" in the index, you are referred to page 48, where you will find a way to reason with the person.

[6] Another helpful feature, found on page 445, is "Scriptures Often Misapplied." A householder may raise a question about a Bible text or try to use it in support of a false belief. He may cite 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 in support of his belief that some will ascend to heaven without dying here on earth. Reference is made to page 312 for a discussion of these verses. If someone argues that the earth will be burned up and refers to 2 Peter 3:7, clarifying information can be found on pages 113 and 436. So if you are asked to explain a scripture, have your *Reasoning* book handy, and see if the scripture is listed in this part of the book.

[7] Young and old alike can experience the benefits of this publication. Using it is not difficult, but it does require effort and practice. Become familiar with the 41 introductions presented on pages 9-15. Also, there are 47 ways to work around potential conversation stoppers listed on pages 15-24. Are you making an effort to use some of them, especially those that would be effective in talking with people in your territory?

[8] We are delighted with the privilege of preaching in this time of the end. Jehovah certainly has given us what we need to make our work effective. Let us continue to use one of our most valuable instruments, the *Reasoning* book.

Justice *(Cont'd)*

for the convention or for your vacation, make plans to give a witness while traveling. Look for opportunities to talk to others while at motels or restaurants, or on other appropriate occasions.

[7] May we fully immerse ourselves in theocratic activity this summer. As we assemble together for the "Divine Justice" District Conventions and as we participate in the field ministry, we will want to manifest our love for justice, imitating our God, Jehovah, "a lover of justice."—Ps. 37:28.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

From House to House

[1] Our work of preaching the good news of the Kingdom is commanded by the greatest authorities in the universe, the Sovereign Lord Jehovah and his enthroned Son, Jesus Christ.—Matt. 28:18; Rev. 14:6, 7.

[2] Jesus set the pattern by "journeying from city to city and from village to village, preaching and declaring the good news of the kingdom of God." (Luke 8:1) His disciples did not miss the lesson he taught both by word and by example. (Matt. 13:51, 52) They appreciated the importance of the public preaching work. Even after being flogged because of their outspokenness, they did not stop but continued daily in the temple and from house to house "declaring the good news about the Christ, Jesus." (Acts 5:41, 42; 20:20) In modern times this work is being accomplished only by Jehovah's Witnesses, who spent over 739 million hours in the preaching activity last service year, much of which involved house-to-house work.—Hag. 2:7; Isa. 60:22.

WHAT HOUSE-TO-HOUSE WORK ACCOMPLISHES

[3] As indicated at Ezekiel 33:33 and 38:23, our house-to-house preaching activity plays an important part in the sanctification of Jehovah's name. The good news of the Kingdom is set squarely before individual householders, giving them opportunity to show where they stand. (2 Thess. 1:8-10) Hopefully, they will be moved to take their stand on Jehovah's side and receive life.—Matt. 24:14; John 17:3.

[4] Regular house-to-house work ① also strengthens our hope in God's promises. Our ② ability to use the Bible effectively is enhanced. We are aided in ③ overcoming the fear of men. ④ Greater empathy can be cultivated as we note firsthand what people suffer because of not knowing Jehovah and not living by his righteous standards. We are also helped to develop the ⑤ fruitage of God's spirit in our own lives.—Gal. 5:22, 23.

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

[5] Do you find that many are not at home when you call during the day? What about ingrained indifference, especially in frequently worked territory? Do not allow these things to discourage you. Pray to Jehovah, and he will help you to approach the territory with a proper frame of mind. Look upon each door as potentially having a sheeplike person behind it. As Jesus instructed, let the individual show whether he is deserving.—Matt. 10:11-14.

[6] Even in territory that is frequently worked, there may be many people who are not witnessed to often because they are rarely found at home. Calling at various times in order to meet different members of the household and keeping an accurate house-to-house record make for more thorough territory coverage.

[7] The God-ordained proclamation of the good news from house to house is fast nearing completion. We want to be able to report back to Jehovah and say in all good conscience: "I have done just as you have commanded me." (Ezek. 9:11) Zealous house-to-house activity will enable us to do this.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **Burma had a new peak of 1,552 publishers in January. It was good to see 2,216 in attendance and 58 baptized at their four "Trust in Jehovah" District Conventions.**

◆ **A peak of 122,608 publishers was reported by the Federal Republic of Germany for January. Bible study activity continues to progress rapidly, with a new peak of 60,566.**

◆ **The island of Guam reached a new peak of 278 publishers during January, an 8-percent increase over last year's average.**

◆ **Ireland reports their fifth consecutive publisher peak with 2,795 for January. Congregation publishers averaged 13.2 hours in the field.**

◆ **Madagascar had a 14-percent increase in January with a new peak of 2,764 publishers. Congregation publishers averaged 13.6 hours, 7.4 return visits, and 1.6 Bible studies.**

◆ **South Africa had a new peak of 43,184 publishers for January, a 7-percent increase over last year's average.**

◆ **Trinidad had a new peak of 5,116 publishers in January for a 9-percent increase.**

◆ **Venezuela's peak of 40,001 publishers for January represents an 11-percent increase over last year's average.**

◆ **Zimbabwe had a new peak of 15,935 publishers in January and a new peak of 15,206 Bible studies.**

MARCH SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	287	131.5	83.3	56.5	5.6
Pios.	57,060	85.5	37.5	30.0	3.0
Aux. Pios.	39,170	60.1	26.7	17.6	1.6
Pubs.	666,187	9.9	6.2	3.9	0.5
TOTAL	762,704				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,794

Giving Cheerfully (*Cont'd*)

your Congregation Book Study conductor could provide helpful suggestions. (Prov. 15:22; 16:3) Family members can also be of encouragement, especially if they are fellow worshipers. The experience of many auxiliary and regular pioneers with family obligations to care for has been that their family members rally to their side and rejoice over the improved spiritual atmosphere in the household that results from a member's pioneering.

DEVELOP A GOOD ROUTINE

[5] Learning to schedule your activity is very important. Even in material giving, Paul recommended that the brothers in Corinth follow a pattern of regularity so as to be sure of carrying out the good intentions of their hearts. (1 Cor. 16:2) Holding firmly to a well-thought-out routine for sharing in the urgent preaching work is of even greater importance. Self-discipline, initiative, and determination are necessary.—1 Cor. 9: 23, 25, 27.

[6] Be realistic in your approach to the auxiliary and regular pioneer service. You will not find totally ideal circumstances in this old system. Jesus said that those putting the Kingdom first should expect tribulations along with promised joys and blessings now, and "in the coming system of things everlasting life." (Mark 10:29, 30; Acts 14:22) So it is good to imitate the faith and example of the many who pioneer in spite of poor health, limited finances, or other serious obstacles. They avoid making anything in this old system the big thing in their life. (1 Cor. 7:29-31) As some pioneers put it, they have just learned to 'work around their problems' in order to pioneer.—Compare 2 Corinthians 12:7-10.

[7] Indeed, all who willingly give out of a good heart according to their individual circumstances are pronounced happy by Jehovah. (Isa. 65: 14) They reap bountifully in the way of inner peace and contentment along with increased fruitfulness by helping people to come on Jehovah's side. Such blessings and many more can be yours if you take up the invitation to give cheerfully as an auxiliary or regular pioneer.—2 Cor. 9:6; Prov. 11:25.

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Meetings for Field Service

JULY 4-10

Current Topic for Conversation

1. How will you introduce the subject?
2. What news item can be tied in with it?
3. How will you tie in the literature offer?

JULY 11-17

Why should we avoid

1. Congregating in the territory?
2. Being boisterous when in field ministry?
3. Knocking too loud or too long?

JULY 18-24

Group witnessing

1. Why meet at book study locations?
2. What upbuilding things can we talk about between calls?
3. What can be done to assist new ones?

JULY 25-31

How will you use what you learned at the conventions in

1. The house-to-house ministry?
2. Making return visits and conducting Bible studies?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

The Bible Benefits Family Life.

Gen. 1:27, 28—God instituted the family arrangement.

Isa. 48:17, 18—Family members benefit from heeding God's Word.

JEHOVAH'S BLESSING EVIDENT IN APRIL REPORT

The April service report for the United States gives clear evidence of Jehovah's abundant blessing as thousands more share in the harvest work.—Matt. 9:37, 38.

Total Publishers: A new peak of 780,744 publishers was reached. This is 33,788 more than one year ago.

Auxiliary Pioneers: A new peak of 101,145 reported. This figure combined with the number serving as regular pioneers totals 158,156. This is the highest number ever to serve as pioneers during any one month.

Total Hours: 16,996,871. This new peak is 759,128 over our previous peak of hours in April 1987. How commendable that congregation publishers averaged 10.1 hours!

Home Bible Studies: 570,094. An increase of 17,056 over our peak in March of this year and a 3.8-percent increase over last April.

Jehovah is carrying out his promise to fill his spiritual house with glory by bringing in "the desirable things" of all the nations. (Hag. 2:7) May our joy increase and abound as we continue to experience Jehovah's rich blessings upon our zealous activity in the harvest work.

Speaking God's Word With Boldness

[1] How are you affected when faced with opposition or when you are persecuted by enemies of the good news? Are you determined to keep on witnessing despite what opposers may say or do? Although only a few may let their heart grow faint or be tempted to stop preaching, all of us can benefit from the example of Paul and Silas. They did not let persecution discourage or silence them. (1 Thess. 2:2) With Jehovah's help, we too can demonstrate the boldness needed in order to come off victorious in the face of opposition.—Ps. 138:3.

[2] Jehovah is our refuge in time of trouble. It is to him that we humbly appeal for help. (Ps. 18:2, 3) Our brothers in the first century asked Jehovah to help them 'keep on speaking his word with all boldness.' (Acts 4:29) Jehovah responded to this prayer by filling the disciples with holy spirit. He will do the same for us. —Acts 4:31.

SEIZING OPPORTUNITIES TO SPEAK

[3] In each congregation, meetings for field service are arranged to provide encouraging discussions of spiritual matters before going into the territory. Do you support these meetings whenever possible? The pioneers and those who are able to spend more time in the ministry may especially be able to give other publishers the benefit of their experience as they go from door to door. Also, by applying suggestions from the *Reasoning* book, all can be better equipped to speak with conviction.

[4] In some areas, the brothers are finding that many people are not at home during the day. Various methods may be used to reach these people. Some publishers do street work near bus stops and train stations or in front of apartment houses at hours when people are leaving for work or coming home.

[5] It requires courage and boldness to approach strangers and initiate conversations with them, but the results can be most rewarding. Like the apostles, it is necessary to speak

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Do You Have the Pioneer Spirit?

[1] What is the "pioneer spirit"? It might be defined as having a positive attitude toward the command to preach and make disciples, being fully committed to showing love and concern for people, being self-sacrificing, finding joy in following the Master closely, and taking pleasure in spiritual, not material, things.

[2] Jehovah's people as a whole are certainly manifesting this spirit today. Even in the face of bitter persecution and other adversities, they joyfully forge ahead in proclaiming the good news of God's Kingdom.

[3] However, living as we are deep within the time of the end, the anxiety and stress of everyday living can take its toll, perhaps diminishing our zeal and enthusiasm for spiritual matters. Each person might ask himself, 'Do I have the pioneer spirit? Am I allowing this system of things to rob me of it? Am I zealous for the truth, eager to tell others about God's Kingdom? Do I promote the pioneer spirit in the congregation and encourage others to become more fully involved in doing God's will? What can I do to overcome a negative or indifferent attitude?'

HOW TO CULTIVATE THE PIONEER SPIRIT

[4] The pioneer spirit is essentially a heart condition, and we must cultivate it. Since we feed the heart on the things we read and listen to, *personal Bible study* plays an important role in our cultivating the pioneer spirit.

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING JULY 4

Song 63

8 min: Local announcements, Theocratic News, "Jehovah's Blessing Evident in April Report," and selected Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Encourage sharing in weekend field service.

10 min: "Make Effective Use of Special-Purpose Articles." Discuss information with audience. Publishers and pioneers should watch for such announcements and promptly order magazines as needed.

12 min: "Speaking God's Word With Boldness." Talk and audience discussion. Include demonstration of presenting the July offer when discussing paragraph 7.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—In Group Witnessing." Question-and-answer consideration of article. Stress the benefits of group arrangements for service and the need to make best use of time through well-planned arrangements for field service.

Song 43 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING JULY 11 JM BB

Song 76 TR

10 min: Local announcements. Accounts report. Suggest talking points for presenting current issues of magazines. JT

15 min: "Help New Ones to Comment at Meetings." Question-and-answer coverage of article. Include brief demonstration showing how to apply what is stated in paragraph 3 at conclusion of a home Bible study. ES

20 min: "Do You Have the Pioneer Spirit?" Question-and-answer coverage. Interview some who are pioneering or who have pioneered, learning from them what prompted them to become pioneers.

Song 19 and concluding prayer.

PM KJ KM June 13

WEEK STARTING JULY 18

No Service Meeting is outlined for this week to allow an open week for attending the "Divine Justice" District Convention.—See note under "Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples" in June *Our Kingdom Ministry*.

WEEK STARTING JULY 25

Song 86 KM June 20

10 min: Local announcements. Also, highlight information in "Rendering Sacred Service With Godly Fear." Stress the importance of attending the circuit assembly program that will begin in September.

35 min: Review of "Divine Justice" District Convention program highlights.—See note under "Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples" in June *Our Kingdom Ministry*.

Song 208 and concluding prayer.

Schedule for congregation studies in the booklet *Jehovah's Witnesses and the Question of Blood:*

July 4: Pages 10 to 16
July 11: Pages 17 to 24, par. 1
July 18: Pages 24, par. 2 to 33, par. 1
July 25: Pages 33, par. 2 to 43, par. 1

Boldness *(Cont'd)*

"with boldness by the authority of Jehovah."—Acts 14:3.

[6] Some arrange to work in unassigned territory, and this also requires boldness. During the summer months this year, over 3,400 brothers and sisters will engage in this work. Some will travel thousands of miles. It is a pleasure to see the brothers willingly engage in this activity even at great personal sacrifice.

PRESENT THE OFFER WITH BOLDNESS

[7] During July the literature offer is *Survival Into a New Earth* or *Happiness—How to Find It* on a contribution of $1.00. Both these publications contain information vital to those who are hungering and thirsting for the truth. Present these books with confidence, using the current Topic for Conversation. Refer to the *Reasoning* book for an introduction that will work well in your territory.

[8] When Paul was first invited by Jesus to be his follower, he responded with zeal and preached with boldness. (Acts 9:5, 15, 16, 20, 27, 28) He continued faithfully in the same course right down to his death. We need to imitate his example and continue sharing in the work of speaking God's Word with boldness.

Pioneer Spirit *(Cont'd)*

Paul admonished Timothy: "Ponder over these things . . . that your advancement may be manifest to all persons. . . . Stay by these things, for by doing this you will save both yourself and those who listen to you." (1 Tim. 4:15, 16) It is necessary, therefore, for us to meditate on spiritual matters so as to sound them down into our heart, the seat of motivation. By so doing we will develop a longing to do God's will. Our appreciation for spiritual matters will deepen, and we will look for ways to expand our ministry.

[5] The *things we talk about* can either tear our brothers down or build them up. (Eph. 4:29) By sharing field experiences and points we enjoyed at the meetings or in personal study, we impart thoughts that are positive and encouraging. In addition, when we have occasion to talk with people in our daily routine of life, do we look for opportunities to give an informal witness? If we do, we are following in the footsteps of our Exemplar, Jesus.—John 4:7-10.

[6] Developing *love for neighbor* helps us to cultivate the pioneer spirit. (Matt. 22:39) Jesus demonstrated this kind of love when he was on earth. He felt pity for the people and wanted to do all he could to help them, though it meant great personal sacrifice. (Matt. 9:36; Rom. 5:6) If we demonstrate a Christlike attitude, we will be moved with pity and do all we can to help our neighbors spiritually, even if some reject us.—Compare Matthew 23:37.

POSITIVE EFFECT

[7] There are many blessings and benefits that come from manifesting the pioneer spirit in our lives. As we increase our activity in the ministry, we become more effective teachers, and this can bring us much joy. As the pioneer spirit grows in the congregation, so will the warmth and spirituality of the brothers. Concerning the wholesome effect pioneer service has had on his congregation, one elder remarked: "What a difference it made! The congregation's pace changed. The tendency is to increase our participation in Jehovah's service more and more."—See the September 15, 1985, *Watchtower,* page 26, paragraph 1.

[8] As the 1989 service year approaches, make it your resolve to help cultivate the pioneer spirit in the congregation. Look for ways to expand your ministry. Plan ahead to auxiliary pioneer whenever possible, or perhaps reach out for the regular pioneer service. Whether pioneers or publishers, all in the congregation can have the pioneer spirit.

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- An adequate supply of forms for use during the 1989 service year is being sent to each congregation. These forms should not be wasted. They should be used only for their intended purpose.

- Beginning in September, circuit overseers will give the public talk "Multitudes Being Taught by Jehovah." This will be a slide presentation.

- Congregation Book Studies will begin considering the book *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* during the week of August 15, 1988. Book study conductors should prepare questions on material for which there are no questions, such as that found on pages 13-14, 35-6, 52, 55, 68-9, 112-13, 148-50, 164-5, 171, and 228.

- A supply of the Medical Document and Identity Card is being shipped to the congregations along with the yearly supply of congregation forms. These cards *are not to be given out immediately* upon their receipt but *should be held until further direction* is given on issuing them to the brothers at the end of the calendar year.

- *The Watchtower* in Polish will be a semimonthly publication beginning with the July 1, 1988, issue. The subscription rate will be $5.00 for one year and $2.50 for a six-month subscription.

Help New Ones to Comment at Meetings

1 How thrilling it is to hear a Bible student make his first comment at the Kingdom Hall! It surely gives us a feeling of satisfaction, a confirmation, as it were, that the new one is really taking hold of the truth. New ones need to realize that making public expression is necessary. It is a proof of faith that leads to salvation. —Rom. 10:10.

2 Jesus said: "Everyone that is perfectly instructed will be like his teacher." (Luke 6:40) That should impress upon us the fact that we can teach new ones to comment at meetings by doing so ourselves. We can help them appreciate that a prerequisite for commenting is knowledge. Teach them that study should be done with the purpose of putting knowledge to use in the meetings and in the field as well as in directing one's personal life.

3 Some new ones may hold back, feeling that they are incapable of commenting as well as others do. However, we can help new ones to appreciate that simplicity is important in making good expressions. If our own comments are appropriate, brief, and to the point, new ones will not feel obligated to make lengthy expressions. They can be helped to analyze the question, find the thought in the paragraph that gives the answer, and then put that thought in their own words. It is also important for them to see how the cited or quoted scriptures relate to the point being made. Help them to see how they can use the scriptures in the paragraph to support their comments. Teach them to underline key words and perhaps make brief notes in the margin. Encourage them to use sufficient volume and to speak distinctly so that all in attendance can benefit from their prepared comments. Being well prepared will keep them from being too fearful to comment.

4 What else can we do to encourage new ones to comment? Of course, sitting with them can be reassuring and comforting. You may want to suggest that they sit toward the front where there are fewer distractions. Point out the questions that can be answered in very few words.

5 When the Congregation Book Study conductor has become acquainted with a new one in his group, he might ask him to read a scripture. Afterward, a genuine expression of appreciation for his efforts may encourage the new one to continue making comments at the book study and later start participating regularly at other meetings.

6 It is a privilege to share in commenting at meetings. (Heb. 10:24, 25) We want to help new ones to appreciate this. It can provide an added encouragement and blessing to all concerned. Whether in the field service or at our congregation meetings, we have opportunities to do as Hebrews 13:15 reminds us: "Through him let us always offer to God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips which make public declaration to his name."

Rendering Sacred Service With Godly Fear

1 During the 1988 service year, the Society has received many letters expressing heartfelt appreciation for the circuit assembly program "The Excelling Value of Serving Jehovah." These letters have expressed sentiments similar to those of the psalmist who said: "A day in your courtyards is better than a thousand elsewhere." (Ps. 84:10) We know that all of you have similar feelings about our grand privilege of serving Jehovah and that you too benefited from this program.

2 Starting in September, the new circuit assembly program will develop the theme "Rendering Sacred Service With Godly Fear." (Heb. 12:28) While the world foolishly ignores Jehovah and despises the message of his Kingdom, we delight in our privilege of rendering sacred service with godly fear. Truly, a wholesome fear of Jehovah is "the beginning of wisdom"; it is "pure," motivating us to do his will. (Ps. 19:9; 111:10) The circuit assembly program for the 1989 service year will help us to appreciate more fully what the fear of Jehovah is and how we can manifest it in our service to him.

3 As the program unfolds, we will learn how godly fear should affect us in our ministry, in our meeting attendance, and in our day-to-day living. The need to close any gap between what we know and what we do will be discussed. We must know not only what to do but also how to apply the things that we learn so as to benefit ourselves and others and to bring praise to our God.

4 The public talk is entitled "Why Fear the True God?" Be sure to invite your Bible students as well as other interested persons. Surely, all of us want to arrange our affairs in order to attend and benefit fully from this splendid two-day program. Your circuit overseer will inform you of the location and the dates that are scheduled for your congregation.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

In Group Witnessing

[1] Meeting with others in preparation for field service is both practical and upbuilding. Such a provision encourages our brothers to work shoulder to shoulder in proclaiming the good news.

[2] Some congregations may schedule a meeting for field service to follow one of the regular meetings at the Kingdom Hall. While the number supporting this arrangement may be quite large, book study conductors still give attention to the needs of the publishers in their respective groups. This arrangement may be convenient for the majority of the publishers who will be going out in field service that day. Depending on their situation, other congregations hold their weekend meetings for field service at each Congregation Book Study. There are obvious advantages in this arrangement. It is recognized that circumstances vary from one congregation to another. The combining of some very small groups may be appropriate at times. So the body of elders needs to consider the local circumstances and determine what arrangements will accomplish the most good.—See *Our Ministry,* pages 96-7.

SUPPORT MEETINGS FOR FIELD SERVICE

[3] Group witnessing arranged on the book study level provides a fine opportunity for the conductor to give personalized assistance. New publishers as well as those who are more experienced can benefit from working with the elders and the ministerial servants.

[4] Midweek meetings for field service may be held at the Kingdom Hall or at various locations convenient to the publishers. Whether two or more meetings are held depends on local circumstances and the availability of elders, ministerial servants, or other competent individuals assigned to care for the meeting and take the lead in the field ministry.

[5] In view of the urgency of the times, we want to reach as many people as possible with the Kingdom message. What can the book study conductors or those assigned to care for the group do to ensure that all make the best use of the time they have scheduled for group witnessing? Conductors can bear in mind that the meeting for field service should last no more than 10 to 15 minutes. (See *Our Ministry,* page 77.) Much time can be saved when territory is assigned before going into the field, thereby avoiding large groups meeting on the street corner and appearing to be disorganized. Some have found it helpful to assign portions of the territory to qualified publishers for a period of time. Thus, once groups are arranged, they can leave immediately for their territory. The service overseer should be alert to resolve problems with organizing groups so that more time can be spent in the field.

[6] Many longtime publishers fondly recall experiences shared through the years while working with others in group activity. Such experiences serve to strengthen the unity of the congregation and the bonds of Christian love. While at times there may be good reasons for two publishers to work together, in many territories more can be accomplished by working alone while others are witnessing nearby. Working alone in field service, where conditions permit, allows us to reach more people, and it can be good training for the future in the event that unexpected restrictions are imposed on our preaching work. (See the November 15, 1985, *Watchtower,* page 13, paragraph 11.) Good judgment, as well as a desire to accomplish as much as possible, should govern the arrangements that we make.

[7] The apostle Paul encouraged fellow Christians of his day to "hold fast the public declaration of our hope." Also, his inspired words tell us to "consider one another to incite to love and fine works, not forsaking the gathering of ourselves together . . . but encouraging one another, and all the more so as you behold the day drawing near." (Heb. 10:23-25) Through support of the local arrangements for group witnessing, may we succeed in inciting our fellow Kingdom proclaimers "to love and fine works." As we do, we will reap many fine rewards in Jehovah's service.

APRIL SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	283	128.5	96.7	54.5	5.5
Pios.	57,011	84.3	42.5	28.8	3.0
Aux. Pios.	101,145	58.1	31.3	15.1	1.3
Pubs.	622,305	10.1	6.7	3.6	0.4
TOTAL	780,744				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 3,694

THEOCRATIC NEWS

- **The graduation of the second class of the Ministerial Training School took place on Sunday, May 22, 1988, in Los Angeles, California. The 14 elders and 12 ministerial servants are assigned to 13 different countries.**

- **Korea reported a new peak of 50,164 publishers for February, a 9-percent increase over last year's average. They were happy to have a new peak of 14,308 regular pioneers.**

- **Martinique had a new peak of 2,433 publishers in February for a 10-percent increase.**

Make Effective Use of Special-Purpose Articles

[1] Magazine distribution is increasing steadily. The 1979 production of 394,899,446 magazines leaped to 585,369,060 in 1987, nearly a 50-percent increase, or 190,469,614 more magazines printed in 1987 than in 1979! And over 1,135,585,000 copies of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* were printed in the past two years.

[2] With the use of full color, a dramatic improvement in appearance occurred in *The Watchtower* in January 1986 and in *Awake!* in January 1987. Have you appreciated this? Many have, and they have told us so. The question is, Can we make even more effective use of our magazines?

[3] To help you do this, *Our Kingdom Ministry* will announce in advance special-purpose articles or articles that may be of special interest to a particular segment of the people in your territory. Suggestions on whom these might appeal to will be provided. If publishers desire extra copies, these should be ordered immediately.

[4] For example, the September 8 *Awake!* features the subject "Parents—You Have Homework Too!" The articles should appeal to every schoolteacher and school administrator because the articles emphasize the responsibilities of parents to cooperate with the school system in educating their young. Also, every parent can benefit from the information. So your congregation may want to order extra copies.

[5] The October 8 *Awake!* will have a comprehensive coverage of the disease AIDS, which will be of real interest to many people, including those in the medical field. And the October 22 *Awake!* discusses the issue of divorce and child custody. You may want to leave a copy with every lawyer and family counselor in your territory.

[6] Rush shipments of extra magazines should be avoided. This can be done if the service overseer anticipates the congregation's needs and sends in orders without delay.

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Meetings for Field Service

AUGUST 1-7

Topic for Conversation

1. Review new Topic.
2. How will you introduce it?

AUGUST 8-14

Explain how you will present

1. *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!*
2. *The Government That Will Bring Paradise.*
3. *The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever.*

AUGUST 15-21

House-to-house records

1. Why use two?
2. What information should be recorded?
3. What will you do with not-at-home list?

AUGUST 22-28

Following up interest

1. How soon should you make the return visit?
2. What can you say to build on initial interest?
3. How can you lay basis for next call?

AUGUST 29–SEPTEMBER 4

Topic for Conversation

1. Review current Topic.
2. How will you tie in new literature offer?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

The Key to Happiness.

Matt. 5:3—Being conscious of spiritual need.

Rev. 1:3—Observing God's Word.

Fully Accomplish Your Ministry

[1] Jesus told his disciples: "Go therefore and make disciples . . . , teaching them to observe all the things I have commanded you." (Matt. 28:19, 20) Genuine disciples of Jesus today respond enthusiastically to this lifesaving work. Concerning many it could be said, as in the case of the apostle Paul, that they are "being poured out like a drink offering." (Phil. 2:17) Their faith-strengthening example encourages all of us to accomplish our ministry fully.—2 Tim. 4:5; Heb. 13:7.

[2] However, zealous efforts to witness to everyone in the territory are hampered at times by the great number who are not at home when we call. Additionally, some congregations have territory assignments that are quite large. This makes it difficult for them to cover the territory frequently, follow up the interest fully, or return to find those who were not at home. What can you do to accomplish your ministry more fully? Have you tried concentrating your efforts in those sections of your territory that have proved to be more productive? Try to work these thoroughly several times in the year, while being sure to cover all the assigned territory at least once a year.

PROPER USE OF HOUSE-TO-HOUSE RECORDS

[3] It is essential that we keep a good house-to-house record and make use of it afterward. How can we fully accomplish our ministry if we do not call back where no one was at home? Can we really say that we are covering our territory thoroughly if we fail to make return visits on interested persons we have already located and endeavor to start Bible studies with them? The answers to these questions emphasize the need to make proper use of the house-to-house record. It is best to keep two records, one for interest found and the other for addresses where no one was at home.

[4] Some publishers have found it practical to call again at not-at-homes before leaving the territory. Returning an hour or two after the initial call may result in finding someone home and placing literature or even starting a Bible study. In the case of congregations with limited territory, returning to find these people after the first hour or two extends the amount of available territory and assures better coverage of it.

[5] Publishers who are unable to call again soon can give the record of not-at-homes to their study conductor for distribution to other publishers. This can be arranged conveniently where congregations have midweek, weekend, and evening witnessing groups. Of course, some publishers may want to keep their

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Benefiting From Obedience to Divine Instruction

[1] The more we observe the folly of disobedient mankind, the more we can appreciate how beneficial it is to be obedient to divine instruction. The world's do-your-own-thing philosophy has caused many of its adherents needless suffering. However, Jesus Christ set the pattern for Christians. The Bible shows that he was always obedient to his Father, and for this faithful course he was greatly rewarded.—John 8:29; Heb. 5:8; Phil. 2:7-11.

[2] "Benefiting From Obedience to Divine Instruction" is the theme of the special assembly day program that will begin in September. Practical suggestions and timely counsel will be presented to assist us in various aspects of Christian living. For example: How can parents help their children to take a firm hold on the truth and make it their own? How can each family member increase his joy in serving Jehovah? What can each member of the congregation do that will benefit him individually and the organization as a whole? These are some of the things that will be discussed on the new special assembly day program.

[3] Attention will be given to the importance of following divine instruction when facing tests of Christian obedience related to employers and when dealing with the superior authorities. Surrounded as we are by a lawless society, Christians must be careful to maintain the Scriptural viewpoint toward such authorities and avoid improper attitudes prevalent in the world today.

[4] Some adjustment is being made in the program schedule. During the 1989 service year, the *Watchtower*

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 1

Song 181 JT

12 min: Local announcements and selected Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Encourage support for field service the first Sunday of the month.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—With Brochures." Have brief discussion of paragraphs 1 and 2, then present three well-rehearsed demonstrations, one for each brochure being offered. Encourage young publishers to learn presentation in paragraph 4. Exhort publishers to prepare well so as to be effective in their transitions. Remind them that brochures can be used for starting Bible studies.

13 min: "A New Feature of the 1989 Calendar." Enthusiastic talk. Explain clearly how to order calendars as set out in Announcements.

Song 204 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 8

Song 19 RM

10 min: Local announcements. Accounts report and donation acknowledgments. Encourage all to share in magazine witnessing on second Saturday of August. Include a brief demonstration presenting current magazines. RJ

20 min: "Fully Accomplish Your Ministry." Question-and-answer discussion. When considering paragraphs 3 and 4, refer to the *Index* under "TERRITORY," subheading "coverage," sub-subheading "repeated," for experiences on the benefits of using house-to-house records. Prepared local experiences can also be used. DW

15 min: Be a Good Listener! Encouraging and informative talk. Listening plays an important role in learning process. (Prov. 1:5) Our progress as a Christian minister depends to a great extent on *how* we listen at meetings, at assemblies, and to elders. (Prov. 18:15) A good listener not only hears with his ears but also pays attention with his mind and his heart. He is moved by his heart to get the sense of a matter and do something about it. He is *motivated* by what he hears. (Matt. 13:23) *Interest* is a very important factor in good listening. Our interest in the truth should help us to improve our listening habits at meetings and assemblies. What can we do to improve our listening habits? See Study 5 of the *School Guidebook* for additional suggestions. Encourage all to remember Jesus' counsel, "Pay attention to how you listen."—Luke 8:18.

Song 40 and concluding prayer.

AW
KW

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 15

Song 183 DS

10 min: Local announcements. Outline congregation's field service arrangements. Interview young folks who have served as auxiliary pioneers during the summer months. How have they benefited, and what joys have they had? Briefly relate interesting experiences they had in field service.

JA

20 min: "Family Bible Study—A Priority for Christians." Question-and-answer discussion of article.

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15 min: Interview cross section of young people in congregation. What are the local problems young Witnesses are facing in school? What can they do personally to cooperate with their parents to make the family study a success? What can we do to help them? Do they have serving Jehovah full time as their goal?

Song 157 and concluding prayer.

RJ
JA

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 22

Song 184 DC

10 min: Local announcements and Theocratic News. Encourage support for field service with magazines on the fourth Saturday. Demonstrate appropriate presentations.

18 min: How Can We Be More Productive? To be handled by the service overseer. Review with the congregation ways in which all can participate in aspects of service that may need attention. Information can be researched using the *Index* under "FIELD MINISTRY." Give practical suggestions to the audience. One to three brief demonstrations can be used to illustrate points discussed.

17 min: "Were You Once Associated With Jehovah's Organization?" Appealing talk by experienced elder, explaining the congregation's rightful concern for inactive persons and what can be done to help such ones who may be known by members of the congregation.—*w*88 1/15, pp. 21-3.

Song 123 and concluding prayer.

RJ
JA

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 29

Song 190 AF

5 min: Local announcements. Encourage all to turn in field service reports promptly at end of month.

13 min: Offer *Creation* book during September. Animated talk with demonstrations. Emphasize value of *Creation* book to people in your territory. Suggest various situations in which it may be offered. Demonstrate house-to-house presentation using Topic for Conversation, and demonstrate one other presentation that would be appropriate in your area.

12 min: "Benefiting From Obedience to Divine Instruction." Family discussion highlighting positive reactions to first special assembly day program and anticipation for new program. Remind brothers of date of next special assembly day for local congregation if this has already been announced.

15 min: Local needs or talk on "How to Be a Successful Parent." See *The Watchtower,* May 1, 1988, pages 3-6.

Song 80 and concluding prayer.

Benefiting *(Cont'd)*

summary will be featured on the program whether it is held on Saturday or Sunday. This means that congregations having their special assembly day on Saturday will not schedule a *Watchtower* Study or public meeting the following day. The elders will be able to organize extensive group witnessing instead.

5 Appreciative comments have been heard concerning how beneficial the first special assembly day proved to be. Many were encouraged and strengthened by the wholesome spiritual instruction on personal Bible study and the information regarding the progress of the organization.

6 No doubt the special assembly day program for the 1989 service year will also be of great benefit to us as we strive to imitate our Exemplar, Jesus Christ. Do not miss any part of it. May we all continue to benefit from obedience to divine instruction.—Heb. 10:23-25.

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- During the week of August 29–September 3, 1988, the Society will be taking an inventory of all literature on hand in Brooklyn. Because of this inventory, no congregation literature orders will be processed for shipment or for pickup during that week.
- Each congregation will receive three Literature Inventory forms and should take an actual count of campaign literature. Please fill out the forms completely and send the original to us no later than September 6, 1988. Keep a carbon copy for your files. We are sending the third copy for use as a work sheet.
- Congregations should begin ordering the 1989 Calendar of Jehovah's Witnesses with their September literature order. (See the 1988 *Cost List*, paragraphs 7-10.) The calendars will be available in Chinese, Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Portuguese, Spanish, and Swedish. Calendars are controlled stock items and will be charged to the literature account at $1.00 each, which is the rate for publishers, pioneers, and the public. Do not send the remittance with the orders. (See the *Cost List*, paragraphs 23-25.) Until the calendars are available and shipments are made, these will appear as "Back Ordered" on congregation invoices.
- New Publications Available:
  - *Making Your Family Life Happy* —Vietnamese
  - *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* (Small size) —Twi
  - *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* —Burmese, Luchazi, Tumbuka
  - *From Kurukshetra to Armageddon—And Your Survival* —Gujarati, Punjabi
  - *Jehovah's Witnesses—Unitedly Doing God's Will Worldwide* —Romanian
  - *"Look! I Am Making All Things New"* (Brochure) —Cinamwanga, Hiri Motu, Silozi
  - *The Government That Will Bring Paradise* —Luchazi, Nepali, Tamil, Tumbuka
  - *"This Good News of the Kingdom"* —Tuvaluan
  - *Watch Tower Publications Index 1986* —Dutch
  - Tract No. 14 —Hungarian
  - Tract No. 15 —Hungarian
  - Tract No. 16 —Hungarian, Swedish
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *Isaiah* (set of four; congregation and public: $6.00; pioneers: $5.00) —French, German
  - *The First to the Thessalonians* through *To Philemon* (single cassette; congregation and public: $2.00; pioneers: $1.75) —Portuguese
  - *The First of Peter* through *The Letter of Jude* (single cassette; congregation and public: $2.00; pioneers: $1.75) —Portuguese
  - *Jehovah Delivers Those Calling Upon His Name* (single cassette; congregation and public: $2.00; pioneers: $1.75) —Portuguese

Family Bible Study —A Priority for Christians

1 Very often where there are serious problems with believing family members, especially with teenagers, family Bible study has not received the needed attention. It is sad to say, but many families, including those of some elders and ministerial servants, are having problems with their school-age children being overtaken by worldly influences.

2 Recently a circuit overseer wrote about brothers who were having problems with their children. He observed that the root of the problem is almost always the lack of attention to Bible instruction in the home. A recent survey by a circuit overseer indicated that in some congregations up to 50 percent do not have a regular family Bible study.

A PRIORITY

3 Jehovah admonished parents in Israel: "And these words that I am commanding you today *must* prove to be on your heart; and you *must* inculcate them in your son and speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road and when you lie down and when you get up." (Deut. 6:6, 7) Yes, parents in Israel were instructed to give this matter serious consideration.

4 Time *must* be set aside regularly for family study if families are to follow the guidelines given in God's Word. Family heads need to persevere diligently in conducting the family Bible study regularly, and other family members should likewise help to make this aspect of family worship successful for the benefit of the entire household. All need to appreciate that if they do not give proper attention to the spiritual needs of the household now, very likely they will have to deal with serious and even painful problems in the future.

HOW TO ADAPT A STUDY PROGRAM

5 How should a study be conducted? What should be studied? When should it be held, and for how long? How can you be sure of reaching the child's heart? For answers to these questions, please consider *The Watchtower* of November 1, 1986, page 24.

6 Essential ingredients for a successful family study are joy and enthusiasm manifested by the parents. (Compare Psalm 40:8.) Also, parents need to commend the children for their efforts and encourage them to apply Jehovah's principles.

7 A sister learned the truth when eight of her children were still living at home. Even though she had an unbelieving and uncooperative husband, she made sure that the spirituality of her children was given proper attention. She set a good example in field service and in her participation at meetings. After field service, she would look at the faces of her children to see if they reflected joy. If not, immediately she made sure to give encouragement. If they isolated themselves in their room, she would lovingly talk with them to draw them out and encourage them with God's Word. As a result, all her children are in the truth. Three have been regular pioneers, and two of these also served at Bethel. Her efforts were richly rewarded because she always gave priority to their spirituality.—Compare 3 John 4.

8 Many blessings can be enjoyed now and in the future if parents give constant attention to the spiritual needs of their children. As the children see the value of God's law and are convinced that it is really good and beneficial, they will not hold back from letting others know what they believe by word and action. (Ps. 119:165) Therefore, parents, joyfully give your family study the important position it is due.

Schedule for congregation studies in the booklet *Jehovah's Witnesses and the Question of Blood:*

August 1: Pages 43, par. 2 to 51
August 8: Pages 52 to 60

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?:*

August 15: Pages 7 to 13
August 22: Pages 14 to 21*
August 29: Pages 21* to 27*

* To or from subheading.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With Brochures

1 What a joy it is to speak the truth to people and share the Kingdom good news with them! (Acts 15:3) But our time for doing this is limited. Wisely, Jehovah through his organization provides excellent Bible study aids that we can leave with interested persons to assist them in making further progress. We want to introduce these aids effectively.

2 During August we will be using a new Topic for Conversation, "The Key to Happiness," and we will be offering one of these brochures: *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!, The Government That Will Bring Paradise,* or *The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever*. Before we go into the field, we should consider how to introduce these Bible aids effectively and in harmony with our Topic for Conversation on happiness.

SOME SUGGESTIONS

3 *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!:* This brochure has excellent appeal to young people as well as to those with limited reading ability. The pictures and scriptures are numbered for easy reference. How might you introduce it? To conclude your discussion on happiness, you could say: "Wouldn't you like to enjoy true happiness on earth someday? [Allow for response.] Note this beautiful illustration of happy people here in this Bible study aid. [Turn to picture 49, and read comments over picture.] This brochure will aid you in learning how the Bible can help you live among such happy people and enjoy life forever on earth. It is yours for a contribution of 30¢."

4 After a brief introduction, a young or new publisher might offer the brochure by saying: "We are offering people this brochure that shows how God will bring happiness to people all over the earth. Notice the cover that shows happy people really enjoying life. I am sure you will want to read more about this and examine the pictures and scripture references in this brochure. It is yours for a contribution of 30¢."

5 *The Government That Will Bring Paradise:* This brochure focuses attention on God's Kingdom—the theme of Jesus' message and ours. Here are two ways you could link this brochure to your conversation on happiness:

6 "Those who truly appreciate and observe God's Word can look forward to a happy life under God's government. This is the government that will bring about Paradise conditions all over the earth. It is well described in this brochure that you may have for just 30¢. Notice what is said about this government on page 3." Then read paragraph.

7 Or, "Those who observe God's Word not only are happy now but also look forward to greater happiness. This Bible study aid shows on page 29 why those who observe God's Word will be happy. [Show householder pertinent points on page 29.] I am sure you will enjoy reading more about this. You may have this instructive brochure for 30¢."

8 *The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever:* Certainly seekers of happiness must get acquainted with the God of happiness, Jehovah. So you might introduce the brochure this way: "In order to know and observe God's Word, one must really become better acquainted with God himself. That is one reason we are offering people this informative Bible study aid. [Show brochure.] Not only does it explain what God's name is but it also shows here on page 31 the value of knowing God's name. [Read paragraph 1.] This copy is yours for a contribution of 30¢."

9 You may find other effective ways to introduce the brochures in field service this month. Prepare well, and may Jehovah grant you joy in presenting the good news with the brochures.

MAY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	265	127.2	88.4	53.3	5.6
Pios.	55,783	82.7	39.8	27.8	3.0
Aux. Pios.	41,760	59.2	29.4	16.3	1.5
Pubs.	667,449	9.8	6.4	3.7	0.5
TOTAL	765,257				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,679

MEMORIAL REPORT

	1988	1987	Difference
Total Attendance	1,822,607	1,778,066	+44,541 (2.5%)
Number of Partakers	3,684	3,733	-49 (-1.3%)

Ministry *(Cont'd)*

house-to-house records and make some calls when going to and from school, work, or shopping or while in the course of caring for other necessary matters. One congregation that encouraged the brothers to do this obtained good results, finding much interest in a section of their territory that had previously been unproductive.

6 Our ministry has many facets. There are a number of things for us to do. But a primary objective of our work is to "preach the word."

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **Austria reported a new peak of 17,368 publishers during March. Congregation publishers averaged 11.3 hours in the field.**

◆ **Brazil continues to see increase with much interest yet to cultivate. This is evidenced by the 718,414 who attended the Memorial celebration. A new peak of 227,007 publishers was reported for March.**

◆ **Canada reported fine activity for March with new peaks of 92,066 publishers and 48,891 Bible studies.**

A New Feature of the 1989 Calendar

1 For six years we have enjoyed calendars with colorful scenes of our brothers witnessing in various lands. But for the year just ahead, we will have a new type of calendar from which you will benefit in a different way.

2 The 1989 Calendar of Jehovah's Witnesses will present a series of beautiful color photographs of locations in the Promised Land. Under each large picture will be interesting comments on what we see in the photograph. There will also be details about Biblical events occurring at that location or remarks showing why the place is important to us as keen students of God's Word.

3 Of course, the calendar will continue to have the useful features that we have long appreciated, such as the schedule for Bible reading. But you will likely find new uses because of the large, clear pictures of the Promised Land. For example, January/February will show an aerial view of Megiddo, which you could use on a Bible study to explain the meaning of Armageddon. The pictures will help us to visualize Bible accounts, so parents will probably use them in discussing Bible stories with their children.

4 The photographs and comments will be numbered so that a particular one can be identified easily if you are discussing a Bible account during a meeting part. Some may want to get an extra calendar and frame the pictures or put them in a binder for permanent use. These pictures should be a valuable addition to your theocratic library. Please consider this when placing your order.

(2 Tim. 4:2) That "word" will result in good for those who listen to it. (Zeph. 2:2, 3) People in our assigned territory still need to be given the opportunity to 'call on the name of Jehovah.' (Rom. 10:11-13) Let us exert ourselves vigorously and seek every opportunity to accomplish our ministry fully.

OUR KINGDOM MINISTRY

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Meetings for Field Service

SEPTEMBER 5-11

When offering the *Creation* book

1. What talking points will you highlight?
2. What illustrations might be used?

SEPTEMBER 12-18

Returning on *Creation* book placements

1. What will you discuss?
2. How will you try to turn call into a study?

SEPTEMBER 19-25

How can we start studies

1. On initial call?
2. With the aid of the *Reasoning* book?

SEPTEMBER 26–OCTOBER 2

When offering magazines

1. What article will you highlight?
2. Why encourage householders to subscribe?

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?*:

September 5:	Pages 27* to 34*
September 12:	Pages 34* to 42
September 19:	Pages 43 to 50*
September 26:	Pages 50* to 57*

* To or from subheading.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

The Key to Happiness.

Matt. 5:3—Being conscious of spiritual need.

Rev. 1:3—Observing God's Word.

Set Personal Goals for the New Service Year

[1] Are you happy with your spiritual achievements? It is good to keep moving ahead spiritually, but this requires effort. Setting goals for ourselves and for our families helps. A goal is an end toward which effort is directed. To be pleasing to Jehovah, our goals must be in harmony with his will. Therefore, we make Jehovah's thinking our own and pursue theocratic goals, just as Jesus did. (John 17:4) We will thus find much joy and satisfaction in our life of service to Jehovah.—John 15:10, 11.

[2] What goals have you been able to achieve in promoting Kingdom interests during the past service year? The fact that many reached the goals they had set for themselves can be seen in the number of those who were baptized. Also, tens of thousands enrolled as auxiliary and regular pioneers. Quite a number arranged to serve where the need is greater. Some brothers reached a personal goal when they were invited to Gilead, to Bethel, or to the Ministerial Training School.

GOALS YOU MIGHT CONSIDER

[3] Are there appropriate goals that might be attainable for you? In order for new ones to make good spiritual progress, being regular in meeting attendance and joining the Theocratic Ministry School would be fine goals. If you have not been commenting regularly at the meetings, why not make that a goal? Others can benefit from your study and research, and your own grasp of the truth will be strengthened.—Heb. 10:24, 25.

[4] Have you qualified to begin sharing in the field ministry? Are you doing so regularly? Are you reading the new publications as they come out, in order to keep up with the fine instruction from the faithful slave? If you have already achieved those goals, then would not dedication and baptism be proper goals for you to consider?

[5] Are you conducting a Bible study? Have you prayed for help in getting one started? Have you diligently followed up on return visits, offering to study with the interested people you meet? If someone you study with is qualified to share in the field service, are you training him in the ministry?

[6] Have you set a goal of hours for each month? Or have you tried the

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Start Bible Studies —Now Is the Opportune Time

[1] During the 1987 service year the average number of Bible studies conducted came close to equaling the total average number of publishers worldwide. What a marvelous potential for increase in Kingdom proclaimers! Are you sharing in this satisfying aspect of disciple-making? Now that many have returned from summer vacations, it is the opportune time to concentrate on starting studies.—Compare 2 Corinthians 6:2.

[2] The *Our Ministry* book, pages 89-91, impresses upon us our privilege of aiding others spiritually by means of home Bible studies. Page 91 urges: "If at all possible, make it your aim to conduct at least one home Bible study regularly in addition to any study you may conduct with children in your family." This is a fine goal toward which all of us can strive by offering a Bible study at every opportunity.

WITH AID OF *REASONING* BOOK

[3] Have you tried offering a Bible study on the very first call? On page 12 under "Home Bible Study," the *Reasoning* book suggests two introductions that take this direct approach. These let the householder know that our purpose in calling is to offer a free home Bible study. No matter what presentation we use, we can offer to demonstrate how we conduct a study. Many householders already have some of our literature that could be used. Or a tract may be used as a basis for starting the study. This can be done even when the literature offer has been refused, if it seems appropriate and the householder is agreeable. For example, when we offer the *Creation* book, the individual may say he is not interested in creation and evolution. We might then offer to show him how we conduct a Bible study using chapter 19 of the *Creation* book, "An Earthly Paradise Soon to Come." Depending upon the person's interest, we could select appropriate material from chapters 16 through 20.

[4] Another method for starting Bible studies involves using the *Reasoning* book on return visits. When making arrangements to call back on an interested person, raise the question, "Will planet Earth be destroyed in a nuclear war?" Then instead of

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 5

Song 79

10 min: Local announcements. Appropriate Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry* and "Provision for Pioneers." Encourage magazine activity for second Saturday of month. Suggest appropriate talking points as time allows.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—With the *Creation* Book." Questions and answers. Include brief demonstration on how you would offer *Creation* book to a youth. Also, briefly demonstrate key points from paragraphs 4-6. (Start demonstrations after last scripture in Topic has been read.) Conclude with local experiences on placing *Creation* book.

15 min: Youths—Could You Conduct a Study? To be handled by an elder. Inform congregation how many publishers under 20 years of age there are in congregation and how many of these are conducting studies. Consider room for improvement. Teenagers may be able to start studies with classmates, using *Creation* book or *Youth* book. May assign exemplary youths to relate experiences. Select just a few that seem most appropriate. (See *yb*88 p. 53 pars. 1-3; *w*84 4/1 p. 30 par 4; *yb*71 p. 150 par. 1.) Younger ones may be able to start studies with other youngsters in either *Bible Stories* or *Great Teacher* books. (See *yb*75 p. 13 par. 4; *km* 8/73 p. 4 par. 6; *yb*70 p. 93 par. 2.) Youths can try to start studies with people they contact in service. (See *w*82 1/1 p. 24 par. 7; *yb*71 p. 264 par. 2.) If local experiences are available, use these to illustrate points.

Song 221 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 12

Song 128 TR

12 min: Local announcements. Accounts report. Mention acknowledgments of donations to Society. Read and comment briefly on "Hospital Information Services." AW

18 min: "Set Personal Goals for the New Service Year." Question-and-answer coverage. To show progress made, you may wish to ask if some began commenting at meetings, started conducting Bible studies, auxiliary pioneered for the first time, or took up regular pioneering during the past year. JA

15 min: Our Congregation's Activity. Presiding overseer discusses with congregation the work accomplished during the past service year. Use Congregation Analysis Report (S-10) as basis for pointing out where progress was made and what needs attention. Tie in appropriate points mentioned by circuit overseer during his last visit.

Song 166 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 19

Song 194 DC

5 min: Local announcements. Encourage all to share in magazine work on fourth Saturday of month.

17 min: "Start Bible Studies—Now Is the Opportune Time." Audience discussion of article. In connection with paragraph 3, have capable publisher give brief demonstration of second introduction under "Home Bible Studies" on page 12 of *Reasoning* book. After considering paragraph 5, begin another demonstration with householder politely refusing literature offer. Publisher then asks whether householder has ever wondered if the earth will be destroyed in nuclear war and allows response. Publisher then offers to return and discuss subject. Suggests householder write down certain scriptures and read them later but before the next visit. Brother handling part should be warm and enthusiastic, inviting all to share in Bible study work. JM

13 min: How Are We Doing in Bible Study Activity? Discussion of congregation's activity by service overseer. Give number of Bible studies being reported. Source of joy to see interested ones respond to truth. (Acts 11:18; 15:3) Subtract number of family studies reported to show how many studies are being conducted in territory. Compare magazine and literature placements with number of return visits reported. Is this an area where Bible studies could be cultivated? Compare the average number of Bible studies (including family studies) per publisher with national average. Give appropriate commendation and encouragement. Can include experiences about starting and conducting Bible studies.

10 min: Conduct Family Studies. To be handled by respected family head. Remind parents of God-given responsibility. (Eph. 6:4) Helpful suggestions offered in *The Watchtower,* August 1, 1986, page 28, and November 1, 1986, page 24. Explain how family study with unbaptized children may be reported. (*km* 6/83, Question Box, par. 2) Interview parent who has had good results from regularly studying with his or her children.

Song 168 and concluding prayer.

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WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 26

Song 143 DS

12 min: Local announcements. Theocratic News. Prepare for subscription offer that starts this coming weekend. Demonstrate tie-in of offer with Topic for Conversation. Encourage all to offer subscriptions on first Sunday of month.

10 min: Joys of Pioneering. Interview some regular pioneers who have been to Pioneer Service School as to how the school benefited them. (If there are no regular pioneers in congregation who have been to the school, may ask for field experiences from pioneers or those who have auxiliary pioneered recently.) ES

13 min: "Report Field Service Accurately." Congregation secretary handles discussion with audience.

10 min: Local needs or talk on "Becoming an Ordained Minister—God's Way!" from *The Watchtower* of June 15, 1988, pages 28-31.

Song 196 and concluding prayer.

JUNE SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	249	123.5	74.9	49.9	5.3
Pios.	55,053	75.5	33.1	25.5	2.8
Aux. Pios.	29,419	58.6	25.7	15.3	1.5
Pubs.	653,298	9.8	6.0	3.6	0.5
TOTAL	738,019				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 6,076

Personal Goals *(Cont'd)*

auxiliary pioneer service? Perhaps you are even in a position to start service as a regular pioneer, sharing the good news with others 90 hours each month. In time, you may have the joy of receiving the benefits of the special training provided in the Pioneer Service School. Brothers should be reaching out for the privilege of serving as ministerial servants and elders.—1 Tim. 3:1.

7 The personal goals that we set for ourselves should bring us closer to Jehovah and allow us to share more fully in doing his will. Paul said he was "forgetting the things behind and stretching forward to the things ahead." He encouraged us to have a positive mental attitude about theocratic pursuits so that "to what extent we have made progress," we would "go on walking orderly in this same routine."—Phil. 3:13, 16.

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Announcements

- Literature offer for **September:** *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* for a contribution of $3.00. Small-size book is $1.50. **October:** Subscriptions for either *Awake!* or *The Watchtower* or for both magazines. One-year subscriptions are on a contribution of $5.00 each. Six-month subscriptions are $2.50 each. **November:** *New World Translation* with the *"Kingdom Come"* book for a contribution of $5.00. **December:** *My Book of Bible Stories* or *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* for a contribution of $3.00. Small-size *Live Forever* book is $1.50.
- We are pleased to announce that a new *Cost List* has been prepared. Four copies are being sent to each congregation. They should be distributed to the secretary and to the brothers caring for literature, magazines, and accounts.
- The presiding overseer or someone designated by him should audit the congregation's accounts on September 1 or as soon as possible thereafter.
- It is important that brothers planning charters to visit Brooklyn Bethel or Watchtower Farms first correspond by mail with the office at each location. Please provide information on the number coming and the dates for each location. The Society will provide directions and the route chartered buses should take. Address your mail to the Bethel Office, 124 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, NY 11201 and Watchtower Farms, Route 1, Box 300, Wallkill, NY 12589.
- Congregation reports should be sent in on time. Even if this means a few reports have to be counted the next month, congregation reports should be sent in by the sixth of the month whenever possible. However, we do NOT require congregations to send reports by express mail if they are a little late in being sent.
- An adjustment is being made in the way the Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting are conducted during the visit of the circuit overseer. Starting in September 1988, after the opening song and prayer there should be a half-hour school featuring a ten-minute instruction talk with no review, the Bible highlights, the Bible reading, and one other student talk. That will be followed by a half-hour Service Meeting, which can be adjusted so as to have either three 10-minute parts or two 15-minute parts, with the opening announcements being eliminated. After a song, there will be a half-hour program by the circuit overseer, followed by a concluding song and prayer. The entire program will be one and a half hours, excluding songs and prayers. This arrangement will offer the circuit overseer the opportunity to see how both of these meetings are conducted in the congregation.
- New Publications Available:

  Insight on the Scriptures —English
  Revelation—Its Grand Climax at Hand! —English, French, Greek, Italian, Spanish
- New Cassette Recordings Available:

  Listening to the Great Teacher (set of

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Report Field Service Accurately

Shortly now the new *Yearbook* will be coming out with the worldwide report for the 1988 service year. We eagerly look forward to receiving this publication so that we can read about the recent accomplishments in the preaching activity throughout the earth. (Isa. 60:22) Since all publishers contribute to this annual report, what can we individually do to ensure that it is accurate?

2 At Matthew 24:14 we read of our commission to preach in the last days of this system. We can show our respect for Jehovah's organizational arrangements and demonstrate our appreciation for the small part we have by conscientiously reporting our field service at the end of each month. Do you regularly and accurately report your service?

WHAT TO REPORT

3 Only whole hours should be reported to the congregation. An incomplete hour can be carried over by the publisher and be included in his report the following month. For the sake of accuracy, it is best to write down the time spent, literature placed, and the number of return visits made each time we go out in the field service. Then by simply totaling these figures at the end of the month, we will not have to estimate what was accomplished. The Field Service Report slip furnished by the congregation makes this record easy to keep. Dr sent est. Bell.

4 Do not forget that a return visit should be counted each time you conduct a Bible study. At the end of the month, a Study Report slip for each Bible study conducted should be filled out and turned in along with your Field Service Report slip. After filling out each Study Report slip completely and accurately, the total number of different Bible studies conducted during the month should be written in the appropriate box at the lower right-hand corner of the Field Service Report slip.

5 It seems appropriate to include a reminder that your field service time should start when you begin your witness work and end when you finish your last call in each witnessing period. Thus, time taken for refreshments or meals during a break from field service would not be counted as field service activity. Those giving public talks may count the time actually spent delivering these. (See *Our Ministry,* page 104, paragraph 1.) By being conscientious in reporting our field service, we will all contribute to the accurate report that is published in the *Yearbook*.

6 Since the secretary has to send the congregation's field service report to the Society by the sixth of the following month, it can easily be seen why it is important for each publisher to turn in his field service report promptly at the end of the month. Out of consideration for this arrangement, each publisher will want to follow this direction carefully. The secretary has only six days in which to gather all the reports together, total them, and mail the congregation's report so that the Society receives it in time to include it with the field service activity of over 8,000 other congregations in this country.

7 Each publisher who willingly cooperates with the above organizational arrangements can have the satisfaction of knowing that he has contributed to making an accurate report on the worldwide activity of Jehovah's Witnesses. (Compare Ezekiel 9:11.) May all of us turn in field service reports that are accurate and on time!

Start Studies (*Cont'd*)

simply telling the householder that the answer will be given when you return, have him write down three or four Scripture references taken from pages 112 and 113 of the *Reasoning* book. Invite the householder to read these scriptures in preparation for your next visit. Return as soon as possible within the week, and look up the scriptures together. Discuss how each one relates to the questions raised. Then raise another question that will be answered on the following visit. Again give the householder several scriptures to look up before you return.

5 It is good to show the interested person that you are obtaining your information from the *Reasoning* book. In time his attention can be directed to the *Live Forever* book for a regular home Bible study. As you can see, this method is effective even if the householder does not at first accept literature but does show concern over world conditions and wants to know what the future holds.

6 Keep in mind Jesus' words to his disciples at Matthew 28:19: "Go therefore and make disciples." Would you like to take part in this lifesaving work by conducting a home Bible study? Even if you are already conducting one, do you have room in your schedule for another one or two? Make the starting of studies a matter for prayerful consideration as you 'buy out the time.' —Eph. 5:15, 16.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With the *Creation* Book

[1] The evidence abounds that a Creator exists and that he is interested in his creation. (Rom. 1:20, 21) Our study of God's Word has convinced us beyond any shadow of doubt that man got here by creation, not by evolution. (Rev. 4:11) During September we have the opportunity to direct the attention of others to the truth about creation as we offer the book *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?*

[2] In addition to our regular house-to-house ministry, we can offer the *Creation* book while engaging in street work and while witnessing informally. It is an attractive book that may well appeal to salesmen, businessmen, and others with whom we occasionally have dealings. Then there are those on our magazine route. Might they not enjoy reading this fine publication? There may also be people on whom we call or with whom we study who do not yet have this book but who would appreciate reading it.

[3] Youths in the congregation, you have a territory of your own in which to share this excellent publication, and that territory is in school. Have you tried just carrying a copy of the *Creation* book with you to school? People who are curious may ask questions and give you the opportunity of showing them the book. If you carry one to school and leave it visible on your desk or read a portion of it in the lunchroom, you may find others asking how they might obtain a copy. Of course, outside of school hours, you could take the initiative and show others the book, talk to them about it, and offer them a copy for the regular contribution.

[4] This is the season when the new school year starts. So all of us can be awake to opportunities of offering this publication to youths we may meet in service. When we meet parents at the door, after considering the Topic for Conversation, we can present the book and explain how helpful it will be for their children. Since evolution is taught in school, the book will help their children to understand what the Bible and true science have to say about creation.

[5] There are many older people who do not believe in evolution and who may not be particularly interested in that subject. But usually they are concerned about the suffering they see in the world and may want to know whether there is any hope for the future. For such ones, we might highlight chapter 16 or 19.

[6] If a householder raises questions about belief in the Bible, you can point out that chapters 17 and 18 will answer the questions "Can You Trust the Bible?" and "The Bible—Is It Really Inspired by God?" The contents of these chapters may be just what he needs to restore his faith in the Bible as a book of truth.

[7] We want as many people as possible to appreciate that Jehovah is the Creator. (Acts 17:24-28) So we do well to extend to everyone the opportunity to obtain and read *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?*

Hospital Information Services

You will be pleased to know that a new department, Hospital Information Services, is now functioning at Brooklyn. It will try to help you if it has not been possible for you or a nearby hospital committee to find a cooperative doctor or surgical team when needed. This would be when doctors you have contacted have refused to proceed with needed surgery or treatment unless you permit the use of blood transfusions.

It is not, however, a department for finding you a new family doctor because you have moved or your former doctor has retired or died. You can ask in your own congregation for the names of doctors the local brothers go to for general medical attention.

The new department also supervises the work of 96 hospital committees across the country. At present these committees are busy updating our list of helpful surgeons. They are also now visiting various hospitals to try to develop improved arrangements for treating Witness patients. (Compare Proverbs 17:17.) More information concerning the operation of this department and its service will be provided later.

Elders who make up the hospital committees sometimes have to make long-distance calls to various specialists and treatment centers in their efforts to aid a brother in finding a surgeon who will respect his stand on blood. Of course, when this is the case, the costs for these calls are obviously those of the patient, as are all other expenses of his illness and medical care.—Rom. 13:8.

With you we pray that this new arrangement will prove to be a protection and help for our brothers.—John 13:35.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

- **Belize showed an 11-percent increase over last year's average with a peak of 809 publishers in April. Memorial attendance of 4,057 was outstanding.**
- **Hawaii reached a new peak of 5,729 publishers in April. The dedication of their new branch facilities was held on April 3 with 8,715 in attendance.**
- **Papua New Guinea had a new peak of 2,013 publishers in April, their first time over the 2,000 mark.**

Provision for Pioneers

Arrangements have been made for regular and special pioneers to meet with the circuit and district overseers on Friday afternoon of the week of the circuit assembly. This meeting is especially designed to encourage and assist the pioneers in their ministry. Details as to the time and place of the meeting in each circuit will be furnished by the circuit overseer.

Announcements *(Cont'd)*

four tapes and a book in an album; congregation and public: $10.00; pioneers: $7.50) —English, Spanish

- Special-Purpose Articles on Drugs: The December 8 issue of *Awake!* will have a series of articles on the growing menace of drugs. It will show how the problem has developed and what we can do to protect ourselves. This issue should appeal to social and law-enforcement workers, and it would be ideal for youths to place with schoolmates and teachers.
- The following literature price adjustments are effective September 1, 1988. Please note that for some items only the pioneer rate or only the public rate is affected. Each new price is indicated by an asterisk (*).

Item	Pio.	Cong. and Public
American Standard Version and *King James Version*	$ 2.50*	$ 3.50*
Byington	6.00*	10.00*
Diaglott and *Kingdom Interlinear*	2.50*	3.50
New World Translation (1984 Edition only)		
Regular edition	3.00*	4.00*
Deluxe and Pocket editions	4.50*	7.00
Reference Bible	6.00	10.00*
Large print		
Individual volumes	5.50*	7.00*
Set	22.00*	28.00*
Aid	6.00	10.00*
"All Scripture"	2.00*	3.00*
Bible Stories		
Regular edition	2.00*	3.00*
Small size (Spanish only)	.75*	1.50*
Concordance	5.00	7.00*
Creation and *Live Forever*		
Regular edition	2.00*	3.00*
Small size	.75*	1.50*
Index (1930-85)	5.00*	7.00
Reasoning	1.00*	1.50*
Songbook		
Regular edition	2.00*	3.00*

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Meetings for Field Service

OCTOBER 3-9

October subscription offer

1. Which article will you highlight?
2. How will you use Topic?

OCTOBER 10-16

Return visits

1. How can you pave the way on initial call?
2. What should you note on house-to-house record?
3. How would you start a study?

OCTOBER 17-23

Speaking the truth boldly, yet with tact

1. Why is prayer important? (Acts 4:29)
2. Why is it not good to dominate the conversation?

OCTOBER 24-30

When conducting Bible studies, how do you

1. Direct students to Jehovah's organization?
2. Encourage them to attend congregation meetings?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

The Key to Happiness.

Matt. 5:3—Being conscious of spiritual need.

Rev. 1:3—Observing God's Word.

Apprecia letter
Ezek 9

Are You Preaching With a Purpose?

1 Jehovah is a God of purpose, and his works are purposeful. This should likewise be true of us, especially with regard to our ministry. Jesus commissioned his disciples to preach the good news for the purpose of a witness. (Matt. 24:14) As we contribute to the fulfillment of this commission, we must also be diligent in following up on all interest shown. This is evident from Jesus' further words found at Matthew 28:19, 20.

2 Field service reports show that return calls are not being made on all who accept literature. Some may hold back, thinking that only skilled and outgoing publishers are qualified to make return visits. However, it is not as difficult as these publishers may have imagined. But we do need to make our return visits purposeful.

How

MAKING PURPOSEFUL VISITS

3 When you meet an interested person, it is good to lay the groundwork for your return visit right away. How? Some have found it effective to leave the householder with a question that can be answered on the next visit. Others are able to place literature and highlight a specific point to discuss when they return. Be sure to take note of the householder's name, the subject discussed, his response, and any literature placed. Then, before making the return visit, review this information and give prayerful thought to what you will say.

4 During the month of October we have a fine opportunity to offer *Awake!* and *Watchtower* subscriptions on return visits. While it is true that subscriptions are obtained in our house-to-house ministry, many publishers have been very successful in obtaining subscriptions on return visits. Some who accepted magazines on our initial call may have promised to subscribe or otherwise indicated that they might subscribe. Then there are persons for whom we have Expiring Subscription slips, individuals we have on our magazine route, or people with whom we have studied in the past. Having *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* subscriptions can assist in filling their spiritual need.—Matt. 5:3.

5 If you are returning where you used the current Topic for Conversation, you might say: "When I spoke with you, we discussed mankind's need for spiritual things and how that need can be met through a study of God's Word. Notice what benefits come to those who study God's Word. [Read John 17:3 and comment.] *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* are fine instruments in helping us to fill our

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Conduct Progressive Bible Studies

1 To guide Bible students progressively to the point of discipleship requires forethought and good planning. Studies should be started and conducted with a clear purpose in mind, that of helping the student to become a productive disciple of Christ Jesus. (Matt. 13:23) So, teach them to observe all the things Jesus commanded. (Matt. 28:19, 20) Help the student understand that the study will be conducted *weekly* to help him get a basic knowledge of God's Word. Also, kindly point out the urgency of his making genuine progress through application of what he learns. (Prov. 22:17; Phil. 3:16) But in what specific areas should progress be observed?

2 Periodically the publisher should reflect on the progress being made by the Bible student. Ask yourself: Does he prepare his lesson in advance, looking up Scriptural references cited but not quoted? (Acts 17:11; 1 Thess. 2:13) Are his comments given in his own words and do they reflect heartfelt appreciation for the Bible truths he is learning? (Prov. 2:1-6) Would it be appropriate to encourage him to do additional reading of God's Word and the Society's publications? Does he subscribe to the *Awake!* and *The Watchtower*? Has he progressed to the point where he would appreciate the provision of the daily text?

3 Does he show by his speech, attitude, and conduct that he is adopting the Bible's standard of morality? (1 Cor. 6:9, 10) Is he making personality adjustments? (Eph. 4:22-24) Is heart appreciation for Bible truths moving him to talk informally with relatives, workmates, or neighbors about the things being learned? (Luke 6:45) If physically and circumstantially able to do so, is he establishing a regular pattern of attending congregation meetings? (Heb. 10:23-25) Consideration of the student's progress in these areas will help determine the extent to which he is 'accepting with mildness the implanting of the word.'—Jas. 1:21.

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 3 (6)

Song 193

10 min: Local announcements. Appropriate Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Encourage magazine activity for second Saturday of month. Suggest appropriate talking points as time allows.

18 min: "Are You Preaching With a Purpose?" Question-and-answer consideration of article. Emphasize the importance of making return visits with the purpose of starting Bible studies. When discussing paragraph 5, demonstrate how subscription offer can be made on a return visit.

17 min: Youths—Do Not Be Deceived. Talk and interview. Young ones are special target of Satan. He picks on less experienced, seducing them as he did Eve. (Gen. 3:1) Deceives youths by enticements, allurements, temptations. Promotes idea that youths in truth are missing out on something. (Gen. 3:4, 5) Cultivates selfish desire to do own thing, decide for self what is good and bad. Satan makes ways of world, such as sexual immorality, smoking, drug abuse, association with nonbelievers, and worldly entertainment, look attractive. Makes such appear harmless, as fruit on tree appeared to Eve. (Gen. 3:6) What attitude should Christian youths have toward these things, and why? (1 John 2:15-17) Since world is passing away, what goals should youths pursue? (Matt. 6:33; 24:14; 28:19, 20) Jehovah makes provision to protect youths from being deceived: *Youth* book, *School* brochure, *Awake!* feature "Young People Ask," meetings, assemblies, parents, and elders. Why is a lifetime in Jehovah's service the best way of life? (Prov. 27:11; Eccl. 12:1) As time permits, interview one or two exemplary youths who have cultivated wholesome desires. Find out what has helped them to resist pressures to conform in school. Highlight need for others to assist youths to remain loyal and not be deceived by the world.

Song 164 and concluding prayer.

ARTW
JA

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 10 (13)

alw #2

Song 129 TR

10 min: Local announcements, Theocratic News, and accounts report.

JM

20 min: "Conduct Progressive Bible Studies." Questions and answers. When considering paragraph 4, have experienced pioneer or publisher demonstrate how a Bible study can be terminated. Give number of Bible studies being conducted by congregation. What progress have they made? Warmly encourage all those who are conducting studies to examine the results of each one in the light of this material. Any who need help can speak to service overseer or book study conductor.

ART (4)

15 min: Strengthening Single-Parent Families. Qualified elder conducts interview with three or four single parents. Consider matters realistically. What unique problems do they face? How have they learned to cope with their situation? In what ways has the congregation been supportive? What personal or family goals have been set and how has this aided the family? Be positive and warmly commend them for their contribution to the congregation's spirituality. Remind all of need to remember such ones in our prayers. —2 Thess. 1:11, 12.

Song 161 and concluding prayer.

TR
DW

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 17 (18

RM #2
CO VISIT

Song 92

5 min: Local announcements. Encourage all to share in magazine work on fourth Saturday of month.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—Boldly, Yet With Tact." Question-and-answer coverage. Demonstrate one of the examples cited in paragraph 3, using *Reasoning* book.

8 min: "Subscriptions." Qualified brother should read all paragraphs and intersperse appropriate comments.

12 min: Local needs. Review suggestions for improvement as noted on circuit overseer's last report.

Song 2 and concluding prayer.

BB
KW

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 24

Song 106 RM

10 min: Local announcements. Discuss introductions in *Reasoning* book that could be used with Topic for Conversation and would fit local territory. Show why these introductions will be effective.

20 min: "Helping Others Serve Jehovah Whole-Souled." Discussion by presiding overseer. Have an experienced regular pioneer demonstrate how to have a heart-to-heart talk with a Bible student who regularly attends meetings but holds back from being baptized. Use the February 15, 1982, *Watchtower* article "What Prevents Me From Getting Baptized?" Interview one or two in full-time service, asking who encouraged and helped them to make adjustments to take up full-time service. Ask what further goals they are working toward.

15 min: "Special Convention Features Unite." Talk. Expand coverage with comments from audience on the four special convention features covered in article.

Song 78 and concluding prayer.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?*:

October 3:	Pages 57* to 64*
October 10:	Pages 64* to 70
October 17:	Pages 71 to 80*
October 24:	Pages 80* to 87*
October 31:	Pages 87* to 95*

* To or from subheading.

Preaching (*Cont'd*)

spiritual need." Then you might point out a specific item in the magazine you are featuring and proceed to explain the subscription offer. Keep in mind, too, that our purpose in calling is to start Bible studies, so the study arrangement can be explained to them also.

SCHEDULE VISITS

6 Some do not make return visits because they do not schedule a definite time for them. Return visits can be made in the evenings, on weekends, just after completing house-to-house calls, or at other convenient times. Why not set a personal goal of making at least one return visit each week? Seek the aid of those who are more experienced in this aspect of the field service. Feel free to ask your book study conductor for suggestions along these lines. Also, you may want to gain experience by going along with a pioneer or a publisher who does well in this work.

7 The apostle Paul mentioned both planting and watering in connection with the Christian ministry. (1 Cor. 3:6, 7) So we have a responsibility to call back on individuals with the purpose of starting a Bible study. Our joy will certainly increase if we are preaching with a purpose.

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THEOCRATIC MINISTRY SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR 1989

INSTRUCTIONS

During 1989 the following will be the arrangements when conducting the Theocratic Ministry School.

TEXTBOOKS: The *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* [*bi12*], *"All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial"* [*si*], *Reasoning From the Scriptures* [*rs*], and *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* [*pe*] will be the basis for assignments.

The school will begin with song, prayer, and remarks of welcome, and then proceed as follows:

ASSIGNMENT NO. 1: 15 minutes. This should be handled by an elder or by a qualified ministerial servant. It will be based on *"All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial."* This assignment should be delivered as a 10- to 12-minute instruction talk with a 3- to 5-minute oral review following, using the printed questions in the section. The objective should be not just to cover the material but to focus attention on the *practical value* of the information being discussed, highlighting what will be most helpful to the congregation. Where needed, a theme should be selected. All are encouraged to make careful advance preparation so as to benefit fully from this material.

The brothers assigned this talk should be careful to keep within the time limit. Private counsel may be given if necessary.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM BIBLE READING: 6 minutes. This should be handled by the school overseer or another qualified elder or by a ministerial servant assigned by the school overseer. This should not be just a summary of the assigned reading. After giving a *brief* overall view of the assigned chapters, help the audience to appreciate *why* and *how* the information is of value to us. Check *Watchtower* issues for further highlight material. The students will then be dismissed to their various classrooms by the school overseer.

TALK NO. 2: 5 minutes. This is a Bible reading of the assigned material to be given by a brother. This will apply in the main school as well as in the auxiliary groups. The reading assignments are usually short enough to permit the student to present brief explanatory information in the opening and concluding remarks and even at intermediate points. Historical background, prophetic or doctrinal significance, and application of principles may be included. *All* the assigned verses should actually be read.

TALK NO. 3: 5 minutes. This talk will be assigned to sisters. The subjects for this talk will alternate between the *Reasoning* and *Live Forever* books, the latter to be mainly assigned to young or new students. The student assigned should be able to read. When delivering the talk, the student may be either seated or standing. One assistant will be scheduled by the school overseer, but additional assistants may be used. It is preferred that settings involve field service or informal witnessing. The one giving the talk may either initiate the conversation to establish the setting or have her assistant(s) do so. Not the setting but the material should be given prime consideration. The student should use the theme shown.

TALK NO. 4: 5 minutes. Assigned to a brother or a sister. When assigned to a brother, this should be a talk to the entire audience. It will usually be best for the brother to prepare his talk with the Kingdom Hall audience in mind so that it will be truly informative and beneficial to those who actually hear it. However, if the material lends itself better to another practical and suitable audience-type setting, the brother may choose to develop his talk accordingly. The student should use the theme shown. When assigned to a sister, the material should be presented as outlined for Talk No. 3.

COUNSEL AND REMARKS: After each student talk, the school overseer will give specific counsel, not necessarily following the program of progressive counsel outlined on the Speech Counsel slip. Rather, he should concentrate on those areas where the student needs to improve. If the student speaker merits solely a "G" and there is no other speech quality marked "I" or "W," then the counselor should circle the box, where the "G," "I," or "W" would normally appear, of the speech quality that the student should work on next. He will advise the student of this that evening as well as show this speech quality on the student's next Theocratic Ministry School Assignment slip (S-89). Those giving talks should sit toward the front of the hall. This will save time and enable the school overseer to give his counsel directly to each student. As time allows after the giving of necessary oral counsel, comments may be given by the counselor on informative and practical points not covered by the students. The school overseer should be careful to use no more than a total of two minutes for counsel and remarks after each student talk. If the Bible highlights presentation left something to be desired, private counsel may be given.

PREPARING TALKS: Brothers giving Assignment No. 1 should select a theme where needed. Students assigned the second talk should choose a theme that will allow for the best coverage of the material. Students assigned the third and fourth talks should use the theme shown. Prior to giving the talk, students will want to read over the *School Guidebook* material dealing with the speech quality being worked on.

TIMING: No talk should go overtime. Neither should the counsel and remarks of the counselor. Talks No. 2 through 4 should tactfully be stopped when the time is up. The one assigned to give the "stop signal" should do so promptly. When brothers handling Assignment No. 1 go overtime, they should be given private counsel. All should watch their timing carefully. Total program: 45 minutes, excluding song and prayer.

WRITTEN REVIEW: Periodically a written review will be given. In preparation, review the assigned material and complete the scheduled Bible reading. Only the Bible may be used during this 25-minute review. The balance of the time will be devoted to a discussion of the questions and answers. Each student will check his own paper. The school overseer will read off all answers and concentrate on the more difficult questions, helping all to understand the answers clearly. If, for some reason, local circumstances make it necessary, the written review may be used a week later than what is shown on the schedule.

LARGE AND SMALL CONGREGATIONS: Congregations with a school enrollment of 50 or more students may wish to arrange for additional groups of students to deliver the scheduled talks before other counselors. Of course, unbaptized persons whose lives conform to Christian principles may also enroll in the school and receive assignments.

ABSENTEES: All in the congregation can show appreciation for this school by endeavoring to be present at every weekly session, by preparing their assignments well, and by participating in question sessions. *It is hoped that all students will view their assignments conscientiously.* If a student is not present when scheduled, a volunteer may take the assignment, making whatever application he feels qualified to make on such short notice. Or the school overseer may cover the material with appropriate audience participation.

SCHEDULE

Jan. 2 Bible reading: Ezekiel 38 and 39

Song No. 94

No. 1: Introduction to Lamentations (*si* pp. 130-1, pars. 1-7)

No. 2: Ezekiel 39:1-13

No. 3: True Prophets Did Not Always Understand How and When Things Foretold Would Happen (*rs* p. 134)

No. 4: A True Prophet's Pronouncements Promote True Worship (*rs* p. 135, first subheading)

Jan. 9 Bible reading: Ezekiel 40 to 44

Song No. 140

No. 1: Lamentations 1:1 to 5:22 (*si* pp. 131-2, pars. 8-12)

No. 2: Ezekiel 44:1-16

No. 3: Why Jesus Could Not Return as a Human (*pe* chap. 17, pars. 1-5)

No. 4: True Prophets Identified by Fruits Produced (*rs* p. 135, second subheading, to p. 137, par. 1)

Jan. 16 Bible reading: Ezekiel 45 to 48

Song No. 111

No. 1: Introduction to Ezekiel (*si* pp. 132-3, pars. 1-6)

No. 2: Ezekiel 47:1-12

No. 3: Why Errors Made by Jehovah's Witnesses Do Not Disqualify Them as True Prophets (*rs* p. 137, pars. 2-4)

No. 4: God Does Not Predestinate When Each Person Will Die (*rs* p. 138)

Jan. 23 Bible reading: Daniel 1 and 2

Song No. 195

No. 1: Ezekiel 1:1 to 7:27 (*si* pp. 133-4, pars. 7-11)

No. 2: Daniel 2:36-46

No. 3: Jesus' Fleshly Body Not Taken to Heaven (*pe* chap. 17, pars. 6-12)

No. 4: Not Everything That Happens Is God's Will (*rs* p. 139 to p. 140, first subheading)

Jan. 30 Bible reading: Daniel 3 and 4

Song No. 143

No. 1: Ezekiel 8:1 to 11:25 (*si* p. 134, pars. 12-14)

No. 2: Daniel 3:19-30

No. 3: God Does Not Foreknow and Foreordain Everything (*rs* p. 140, second subheading)

No. 4: God's Ability to Foreknow and Foreordain Events (*rs* p. 141)

Feb. 6 Bible reading: Daniel 5 and 6

Song No. 61

No. 1: Ezekiel 12:1 to 23:49 (*si* pp. 134-5, pars. 15-19)

No. 2: Daniel 5:17-31

No. 3: How Christ Returns and How His Return Is Recognized (*pe* chap. 17, pars. 13-17)

No. 4: Why God Did Not Exercise His Foreknowledge Regarding Adam (*rs* p. 142, first subheading)

Feb. 13 Bible reading: Daniel 7 and 8

Song No. 180

No. 1: Ezekiel 24:1 to 32:32 (*si* pp. 135-6, pars. 20-23)

No. 2: Daniel 8:15-27

No. 3: God Did Not Predestinate Jacob, Esau, or Judas (*rs* p. 142, second subheading, to p. 143, first subheading)

No. 4: In What Way Was the Christian Congregation Predestinated? (*rs* p. 143, second subheading)

Feb. 20 Bible reading: Daniel 9 and 10

Song No. 187

No. 1: Ezekiel 33:1 to 39:29 (*si* p. 136, pars. 24-26)

No. 2: Daniel 9:20-27

No. 3: To What Do Christ's "Coming" and "the End of the World" Refer? (*pe* chap. 18, pars. 1-6)

No. 4: What Is the Scriptural View of Astrology? (*rs* pp. 144-5)

Feb. 27 Bible reading: Daniel 11 and 12

Song No. 168

No. 1: Ezekiel 40:1 to 48:35 (*si* pp. 136-7, pars. 27, 28)

No. 2: Daniel 12:1-13

No. 3: What Are Some Sound Reasons for Believing in God? (*rs* p. 145, last subheading)

No. 4: Wickedness and Suffering Do Not Disprove God's Existence (*rs* p. 146 to p. 147, first subheading)

Mar. 6 Bible reading: Hosea 1 to 5

Song No. 98

No. 1: Daniel, Introduction and Authenticity (*si* pp. 138-9, pars. 1-7)

No. 2: Hosea 5:1-15

No. 3: Wars and Famines Visible Proof of Christ's Invisible Presence (*pe* p. 150)

No. 4: God Is a Real Person Capable of Emotion (*rs* p. 147, second subheading, to p. 148, first subheading)

Mar. 13 Bible reading: Hosea 6 to 10

Song No. 144

No. 1: Daniel 1:1 to 4:37 (*si* pp. 139-40, pars. 8-11)

No. 2: Hosea 8:1-14

No. 3: God Had No Beginning (*rs* p. 148, second subheading)

No. 4: Use of God's Name Essential for Salvation (*rs* p. 149, first subheading)

Mar. 20 Bible reading: Hosea 11 to 14

Song No. 105

No. 1: Daniel 5:1 to 8:27 (*si* pp. 140-1, pars. 12-15)

No. 2: Hosea 11:1-12

No. 3: Pestilence, Earthquakes, Fear, and Lawlessness Proof of Christ's Presence (*pe* pp. 151-2)

No. 4: Are All Religions Good? (*rs* p. 149, second subheading)

Mar. 27 Bible reading: Joel 1 to 3

Song No. 21

No. 1: Daniel 9:1 to 12:13 (*si* p. 141, pars. 16-19)

No. 2: Joel 2:21-32

No. 3: What Kind of "God" Is Jesus? (*rs* p. 150, first subheading)

No. 4: Overcoming Objections to Belief in God (*rs* p. 150, par. 3, to p. 151, par. 3)

Apr. 3 Bible reading: Amos 1 to 5

Song No. 162

No. 1: Introduction to Hosea (*si* pp. 143-4, pars. 1-8)

No. 2: Amos 3:1-15

No. 3: Fulfillment of 2 Timothy 3:1-5 a Sign of Last Days (*pe* pp. 152-4)

No. 4: Why Men Have Been Unable to Establish a Just Government (*rs* p. 152 to p. 153, par. 1)

Apr. 10 Bible reading: Amos 6 to 9

Song No. 222

No. 1: Hosea 1:1 to 14:9 (*si* pp. 144-5, pars. 9-13)

No. 2: Amos 8:1-14

No. 3: Why Human Efforts to Bring Relief Cannot Succeed (*rs* p. 153, first subheading, to p. 154, first subheading)

No. 4: God's Kingdom Only Answer to Mankind's Real Needs (*rs* p. 154, second subheading)

Apr. 17 Bible reading: Obadiah 1 to Jonah 4

Song No. 151

No. 1: Introduction to Joel (*si* p. 146, pars. 1-5)

No. 2: Jonah 1:14–2:10

No. 3: Why "Armageddon" Not a Frightening Word (*pe* chap. 19, pars. 1-3)

No. 4: Bible Prophecies Have Proved Completely Reliable (*rs* p. 155, first subheading)

Apr. 24 Written Review. Complete Ezekiel 38 to Jonah 4

Song No. 181

May 1 Bible reading: Micah 1 to 4

Song No. 155
No. 1: Joel 1:1 to 3:21 (*si* pp. 146-7, pars. 6-11)
No. 2: Micah 4:1-12
No. 3: Miraculous Healings Today Not Done by God's Spirit (*rs* p. 156 to p. 157, par. 3)
No. 4: Difference Between Cures of Jesus and His Apostles and Those of Today (*rs* p. 157, subheading, to p. 158, first subheading)

May 8 Bible reading: Micah 5 to 7

Song No. 55
No. 1: Introduction to Amos (*si* pp. 148-9, pars. 1-6)
No. 2: Micah 6:3-16
No. 3: Blessings Coming to Mankind After Armageddon (*pe* pp. 156-8)
No. 4: How True Christians Are Identified Today (*rs* p. 158, second and third subheadings)

May 15 Bible reading: Nahum 1 to 3

Song No. 14
No. 1: Amos 1:1 to 9:15 (*si* pp. 149-50, pars. 7-12)
No. 2: Nahum 1:2-14
No. 3: Why Gifts of Healing Were Given in the First Century (*rs* p. 159)
No. 4: What Hope Is There for Real Healing for All Mankind? (*rs* p. 160, second subheading)

May 22 Bible reading: Habakkuk 1 to 3

Song No. 220
No. 1: Introduction to Obadiah (*si* pp. 151-2, pars. 1-5)
No. 2: Habakkuk 2:1-14
No. 3: What Blessings and What Work Will Be the Lot of Armageddon Survivors? (*pe* chap. 19, pars. 4-7)
No. 4: Who Alone Had a Prehuman Existence? (*rs* p. 161, last subheading)

May 29 Bible reading: Zephaniah 1 to 3

Song No. 146
No. 1: Obadiah 1 to 21 (*si* p. 152, pars. 6-9)
No. 2: Zephaniah 2:1-11
No. 3: Not All Good People Go to Heaven (*rs* p. 162, first subheading)
No. 4: Adam Was Not Promised Heavenly Life (*rs* p. 162, second subheading)

June 5 Bible reading: Haggai 1 and 2

Song No. 127
No. 1: Introduction to Jonah (*si* pp. 153-4, pars. 1-5)
No. 2: Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23
No. 3: Identifying the "New Heavens" and the "New Earth" (*pe* chap. 19, pars. 8-10)
No. 4: Not Necessary to Go to Heaven to Have a Happy Future (*rs* p. 163, first subheading)

June 12 Bible reading: Zechariah 1 to 5

Song No. 212
No. 1: Jonah 1:1 to 4:11 (*si* p. 154, pars. 6-9)
No. 2: Zechariah 4:1-14
No. 3: Jesus Did Not Open Way to Heaven for Those Who Died Before He Did (*rs* p. 163, second subheading)
No. 4: Heavenly Life Not Hope of All Christians (*rs* p. 164)

June 19 Bible reading: Zechariah 6 to 9

Song No. 6
No. 1: Introduction to Micah (*si* pp. 155-6, pars. 1-8)
No. 2: Zechariah 8:9-23
No. 3: Kingdom Blessings Coming to Mankind (*pe* pp. 161-2)
No. 4: Christian Scriptures Contain Hope of Earthly Blessings (*rs* p. 165, subheading)

June 26 Bible reading: Zechariah 10 to 14

Song No. 205
No. 1: Micah 1:1 to 7:20 (*si* pp. 156-7, pars. 9-15)
No. 2: Zechariah 13:1-9
No. 3: How Many Will Get Heavenly Reward and Why the Number Is Not Symbolic (*rs* p. 166, first subheading, and p. 167, first subheading)
No. 4: The 144,000 Not Only Natural Jews (*rs* p. 166, second subheading)

July 3 Bible reading: Malachi 1 to 4

Song No. 118
No. 1: Introduction to Nahum (*si* pp. 158-9, pars. 1-7)
No. 2: Malachi 3:1-10, 16-18
No. 3: Blessings in Store for Armageddon Survivors (*pe* chap. 19, pars. 11-21)
No. 4: Great Crowd Before God's Throne, but Not in Heaven (*rs* p. 167, second subheading)

July 10 Bible reading: Matthew 1 to 3

Song No. 13
No. 1: Nahum 1:1 to 3:19 (*si* pp. 159-60, pars. 8-10)
No. 2: Matthew 3:1-17
No. 3: Heavenly Duties of 144,000 (*rs* p. 168, first subheading)
No. 4: Bible Shows Dead Do Not Suffer Pain (*rs* p. 169, first and second subheadings)

July 17 Bible reading: Matthew 4 and 5

Song No. 36
No. 1: Introduction to Habakkuk (*si* p. 161, pars. 1-5)
No. 2: Matthew 5:1-17
No. 3: The Resurrection Hope in the Hebrew Scriptures (*pe* chap. 20, pars. 1-4)
No. 4: Bible Shows Both Good and Bad Go to Hell at Death (*rs* p. 170, first to third subheadings)

July 24 Bible reading: Matthew 6 and 7

Song No. 172
No. 1: Habakkuk 1:1 to 3:19 (*si* pp. 161-2, pars. 6-11)
No. 2: Matthew 6:1-14, 31-33
No. 3: Bible Translators Cause Confusion About Hell (*rs* p. 170, last subheading)
No. 4: Wicked Eternally Punished but Not Eternally Tormented (*rs* p. 171, subheading)

July 31 Bible reading: Matthew 8 and 9

Song No. 211
No. 1: Introduction to Zephaniah (*si* pp. 163-4, pars. 1-6)
No. 2: Matthew 9:18-38
No. 3: Resurrections Recorded in the Christian Greek Scriptures (*pe* chap. 20, pars. 5-9)
No. 4: Meaning of Eternal Torment Mentioned in Revelation (*rs* p. 172, subheading)

Aug. 7 Bible reading: Matthew 10 and 11

Song No. 27
No. 1: Zephaniah 1:1 to 3:20 (*si* pp. 164-5, pars. 7-9)
No. 2: Matthew 10:5-15, 24-31
No. 3: What Is the Fiery Gehenna Mentioned by Jesus? (*rs* p. 173, subheading)
No. 4: God's Punishment of the Wicked Compatible With His Personality (*rs* p. 174, third subheading, and p. 175, subheading)

Aug. 14 Bible reading: Matthew 12 and 13

Song No. 133
No. 1: Introduction to Haggai (*si* pp. 166-7, pars. 1-7)
No. 2: Matthew 13:34-52
No. 3: Who Will Be Resurrected? (*pe* chap. 20, pars. 10-18)
No. 4: Parable of Rich Man and Lazarus Teaches What? (*rs* p. 174, last subheading)

Aug. 21 Bible reading: Matthew 14 and 15

Song No. 156
No. 1: Haggai 1:1 to 2:23 (*si* p. 167, pars. 8-12)
No. 2: Matthew 15:1-20
No. 3: What Disproves Jesus Was Born December 25? (*rs* p. 176)
No. 4: Who Were the Magi That Visited Jesus? (*rs* p. 177, first subheading)

Aug. 28 Written Review. Complete Micah 1 to Matthew 15

Song No. 114

Sept. 4 Bible reading: Matthew 16 and 17

Song No. 123
No. 1: Introduction to Zechariah (*si* pp. 168-9, pars. 1-7)
No. 2: Matthew 16:13-28
No. 3: The Two Resurrections (*pe* chap. 20, pars. 19-24)
No. 4: What Is the Origin of Christmas Giving? (*rs* p. 177, second subheading)

Sept. 11 Bible reading: Matthew 18 and 19

Song No. 38
No. 1: Zechariah 1:1 to 7:14 (*si* pp. 169-70, pars. 8-17)
No. 2: Matthew 18:7-22
No. 3: Why Should Christians Have Nothing to Do With Christmas Celebrations? (*rs* p. 178, subheading)
No. 4: Why Should Christians Not Celebrate Easter or New Year's? (*rs* p. 179, subheading, to 180, first subheading)

Sept. 18 Bible reading: Matthew 20 and 21

Song No. 195
No. 1: Zechariah 8:1 to 14:21 (*si* pp. 170-1, pars. 18-22)
No. 2: Matthew 20:17-34
No. 3: The Resurrection Truly a Miracle (*pe* chap. 20, pars. 25-27)
No. 4: What Is the Origin of All Souls' Day Celebrations? (*rs* p. 180, second subheading)

Sept. 25 Bible reading: Matthew 22 and 23

Song No. 204
No. 1: Introduction to Malachi (*si* pp. 172-3, pars. 1-6)
No. 2: Matthew 22:15-33
No. 3: Why Do Christians Not Participate in Worldly Holidays? (*rs* p. 181, subheading, to p. 182, third subheading)
No. 4: What Does the Bible Say About Image Worship? (*rs* p. 183, first subheading)

Oct. 2 Bible reading: Matthew 24 and 25

Song No. 193
No. 1: Malachi 1:1 to 4:6 (*si* pp. 173-4, pars. 7-12)
No. 2: Matthew 24:3-22
No. 3: How Long Will the Judgment Day Be, and Who Will Do the Judging? (*pe* chap. 21, pars. 1-4)
No. 4: True Worship Does Not Need Images as Aids (*rs* p. 183, last subheading)

Oct. 9 Bible reading: Matthew 26

Song No. 112
No. 1: Introduction to Romans (*si* pp. 204-5, pars. 1-7)
No. 2: Matthew 26:1-5, 17-30
No. 3: "Saints" Cannot Serve as Intercessors (*rs* p. 184)
No. 4: How Does God View Images That Are Objects of Worship? (*rs* p. 185, second subheading)

Oct. 16 Bible reading: Matthew 27 and 28

Song No. 129
No. 1: Romans 1:1 to 8:39 (*si* pp. 205-6, pars. 8-12)
No. 2: Matthew 28:7-20
No. 3: Why Is the Judgment Day Not to Be Dreaded? (*pe* chap. 21, pars. 5-7)
No. 4: How Should We Feel About Images We Once Venerated? (*rs* p. 186, subheading)

Oct. 23 Bible reading: Mark 1 and 2

Song No. 92
No. 1: Romans 9:1 to 12:21 (*si* pp. 206-7, pars. 13-15)
No. 2: Mark 1:1-15
No. 3: What Effect Could Use of Images Have on Our Future? (*rs* p. 187)
No. 4: Casting Aside Bible's Moral Standards Does Not Bring Freedom (*rs* p. 187, last subheading, to p. 188, par. 2)

Oct. 30 Bible reading: Mark 3 and 4

Song No. 2
No. 1: Romans 13:1 to 16:27 (*si* p. 207, pars. 16-19)
No. 2: Mark 4:21-34
No. 3: What Are the Resurrections to Life and to Judgment? (*pe* chap. 21, pars. 12-14)
No. 4: Materialistic Pursuits Are Self-Defeating (*rs* p. 188, par. 3)

Nov. 6 Bible reading: Mark 5 and 6

Song No. 35
No. 1: Introduction to 1 Corinthians (*si* pp. 208-9, pars. 1-7)
No. 2: Mark 6:30-44, 56
No. 3: Christians Must Avoid Bad Associations (*rs* p. 189, par. 2)
No. 4: Satan, Chief Instigator Against God's Commands (*rs* p. 189, last subheading, to p. 190, first subheading)

Nov. 13 Bible reading: Mark 7 and 8

Song No. 48
No. 1: 1 Corinthians 1:1 to 7:40 (*si* pp. 209-10, pars. 8-13)
No. 2: Mark 7:5-23
No. 3: By What Will People Be Judged on Judgment Day? (*pe* chap. 21, pars. 15-18)
No. 4: What Independent Attitudes Must Christians Avoid? (*rs* p. 190, second subheading, to p. 191, first subheading)

Nov. 20 Bible reading: Mark 9 and 10

Song No. 207
No. 1: 1 Corinthians 8:1 to 11:34 (*si* pp. 210-11, pars. 14-17)
No. 2: Mark 9:1-13
No. 3: Where Is God's Name to Be Found in Some Commonly Used Bibles? (*rs* p. 191, last subheading, to p. 193, par. 7)
No. 4: Why Do Many Translations Slight God's Name? (*rs* p. 193, subheading)

Nov. 27 Bible reading: Mark 11 and 12

Song No. 86
No. 1: 1 Corinthians 12:1 to 16:24 (*si* p. 211, pars. 18-22)
No. 2: Mark 12:28-44
No. 3: How Jehovah Determines Who Will Be Written in the Book of Life (*pe* chap. 21, pars. 19-21)
No. 4: How Do We Know Christian Greek Scripture Writers Used Jehovah's Name? (*rs* p. 194)

Dec. 4 Bible reading: Mark 13 and 14

Song No. 206
No. 1: Introduction to 2 Corinthians (*si* p. 213, pars. 1-4)
No. 2: Mark 13:21-37
No. 3: Why Do We Prefer "Jehovah" to "Yahweh"? (*rs* p. 195, subheading)
No. 4: Why Is It Important to Know and Use Jehovah's Name? (*rs* p. 196, subheading)

Dec. 11 Bible reading: Mark 15 and 16

Song No. 58
No. 1: 2 Corinthians 1:1 to 7:16 (*si* pp. 213-14, pars. 5-12)
No. 2: Mark 15:1-15
No. 3: Who Will Survive the Present Judgment Day? (*pe* chap. 21, pars. 22, 23)
No. 4: Jehovah of the "Old Testament" Is Not Jesus of the "New Testament" (*rs* p. 197, subheading)

Dec. 18 Bible reading: Luke 1

Song No. 12
No. 1: 2 Corinthians 8:1 to 13:14 (*si* pp. 214-15, pars. 13-17)
No. 2: Luke 1:57-80
No. 3: Why We Can Both Love and Fear Jehovah (*rs* p. 198, subheading)
No. 4: Three Beliefs That Set Us Apart From Other Religions (support with scriptures) (*rs* pp. 199-200)

Dec. 25 Written Review. Complete Matthew 16 to Luke 1

Song No. 191

Announcements

- Literature offer for **October**: Subscriptions for either *Awake!* or *The Watchtower* or for both magazines. One-year subscriptions are on a contribution of $5.00 each. Six-month subscriptions are $2.50 each. **November**: *New World Translation* with the *"Kingdom Come"* book for a contribution of $5.00. **December**: *My Book of Bible Stories* or *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* for a contribution of $3.00. Small-size *Live Forever* book is $1.50. **January and February**: Any 192-page book published prior to 1980 and not printed on better-grade paper for contribution of 50¢.
- New Publications Available:
  - *Holy Scriptures,* (Deluxe edition), maroon —Finnish
  - *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures,* (Deluxe pocket edition; *DLbi25*), available in black or maroon —German, Portuguese
  - *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*—Large print (Set of four volumes) —German
  - *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures—With References* (*Rbi8*) —French
  - *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* (Small size) —Greek
  - *Sing Praises to Jehovah* (Large size) —Greek
  - *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?* —Dutch
  - *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* (Small size) —Korean, Sinhalese
  - *Your Youth—Getting the Best out of It* —Romanian
  - *Watch Tower Publications Index 1986* —French, German
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *Jehovah Delivers Those Calling Upon His Name*—Drama (single cassette; congregation and public: $2.00; pioneers: $1.75) —Indonesian
  - *Jeremiah, Lamentations* (set of five cassettes; congregation and public: $7.50; pioneers: $6.25) —Spanish
- Congregations should begin ordering *Examining the Scriptures Daily—1989* with their October literature order. (See the 1988 *Cost List,* paragraphs 7-10.) Booklets will be available in Arabic, Chinese, Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Iloko, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Portuguese, Samoan, Spanish, Swedish, Tagalog, Turkish, and Vietnamese. Until these booklets are available and shipments are made, they will appear as "Back Ordered" on congregation invoices. *Examining the Scriptures* booklets are controlled stock items and will be charged to the literature account at 30¢ each, which is the publisher rate. Regular and special pioneers on the list before July 1, 1988, may receive one free copy and obtain additional copies at 20¢ each. A separate entry should be made on the monthly remittance form (S-20), showing free copies to pioneers.—See the 1988 *Cost List,* paragraphs 23-25.

Helping Others Serve Jehovah Whole-Souled

[1] Jehovah rightly requires that each one of us serve him whole-souled. (Mark 12:30; Col. 3:23) Although having different capabilities, we individually want to do our very best in serving him.—Matt. 13:23.

[2] Can we be of further assistance to our children in this regard? Are there ways we can provide more encouragement to those with whom we conduct Bible studies? Are there some in the congregation who might be able to improve the quality or quantity of their service if we give them some practical assistance?

HOW TO HELP

[3] There are a number of persons who have been regularly attending all congregation meetings. Some have even qualified to start sharing in field service. This is commendable. However, not all have decided to make a dedication and get baptized. Can we help them in this regard? Have we had a heartfelt discussion with them personally? It may be that a frank, kindly review of the article "What Prevents Me From Getting Baptized?" on pages 27-31 of the February 15, 1982, *Watchtower* will help.

[4] There are also those who have been baptized but then hold back from making themselves available for privileges within their abilities and circumstances. Some may be regular publishers who auxiliary pioneer from time to time. Could they perhaps make needed adjustments so as to be regular auxiliary pioneers? Is it possible for some who are regular auxiliary pioneers to become regular pioneers? At times, words of exhortation along with a few practical suggestions from a parent, an elder, or from one already serving as a regular pioneer will motivate such ones to serve to the full extent that their abilities and circumstances allow.—2 Tim. 4:2.

GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT

[5] Others may become qualified for appointment as ministerial servants or elders after responding to the needed encouragement and "reaching out" for such privileges. (1 Tim. 3:1) By taking advantage of practical assistance offered through the Theocratic Ministry School, certain ones can become effective public speakers. Some single elders and ministerial servants have been helped to make the needed adjustments to qualify for the Ministerial Training School. Can you think of other privileges for which some in your family or congregation could possibly qualify if they receive some assistance? In what way might you help them?

[6] We should offer Jehovah the best service we can give him. (Rev. 4:11) We want to do his will whole-souled and help others to do likewise. (Eph. 6:6) Those who are responsive to help and encouragement toward serving Jehovah whole-souled can be sure that Jehovah will give "the due reward."—Col. 3:24.

Special Convention Features Unite

[1] "Look! How good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1) After enjoying our "Divine Justice" District Convention program with its various special features, these words have taken on added meaning for the worldwide brotherhood of Jehovah's people.

[2] Anticipation was aroused when it was announced that selected talks on the convention program would be tied in to all convention cities each week by means of telephone transmission. Then when the stimulating information was given by each speaker, we rejoiced that we could be present and participate. And what a joy it was to be tied in with so many brothers in shouting "Aye!" to the powerful Resolution!

[3] Special, also, was the release of the two-volume publication entitled *Insight on the Scriptures*. What a beautifully illustrated publication! How it will unite us in researching Bible subjects so that we may speak in agreement on the real meaning of the Scriptures!—1 Cor. 1:10.

[4] What a pleasant surprise we received on Saturday afternoon when the announcement came that a new publication entitled *Revelation—Its Grand Climax at Hand!* was being released. This 320-page book will certainly help us unite our thoughts on the meaning of the many symbolic expressions found in the last book of the Bible.

[5] Not to be forgotten was the special feature of having missionaries relate their personal experiences at many of the conventions. How we appreciate their years of faithful service! Despite many obstacles, such as failing health, language problems, and opposition, they have expanded the preaching of the good news in distant lands.

[6] Certainly Jehovah has blessed us with more than we ever anticipated. Now it is our determination to bear witness concerning divine justice so that still other righteoushearted ones may respond.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

Boldly, Yet With Tact

[1] When Peter and John were ordered to stop preaching, they replied: "But as for us, we cannot stop speaking about the things we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:20) What enabled them to speak with such boldness? They "made supplication" and became "filled with the holy spirit and were speaking the word of God with boldness." (Acts 4:31) Certainly we likewise can be emboldened to preach if we follow their example.

[2] But how can we speak with boldness and at the same time be tactful? One dictionary definition of tact is 'a keen sense of what to do or say in order to avoid offense.' Establishing a common ground will help us to be tactful. Learning how to reason with people will also enable us to be tactful. What better instrument could we use than *Reasoning From the Scriptures* to help us be both bold and tactful.

BEING BALANCED

[3] Maintaining a balance between boldness and tactfulness is important in getting the preaching work accomplished successfully. For example, how could we address those who raise the question, 'Is it not true that there is good in all religions?' A direct but tactful reply is found on page 323 of the *Reasoning* book. Also, if someone raises ~~a~~ 2 question as to why we repeatedly call on persons who are not Jehovah's Witnesses and who have their own faith, we can give a bold but tactful reply as outlined on page 206 of the *Reasoning* book. Some people ask why Jehovah's Witnesses do not get involved in things to help make the community a better place to live. Several fine points are presented on pages 207 and 208 that will enable us to speak boldly but with tact.

EXAMPLES

[4] Peter said we should be 'always ready to make a defense before those demanding a reason for our hope.' He then added that we should 'do so together with a mild temper and deep respect.' (1 Pet. 3:15) Yes, Peter recognized the need to be bold but also to use tact. The success of publishers following this method is reported in the Society's publications.—*w*86 4/1 pp. 6-7; *w*86 8/1 pp. 21, 24; *yb*87 pp. 53-4.

[5] Relying on Jehovah in prayer, as many examples highlight, will enable us to receive the help of the holy spirit, thus strengthening us to speak with boldness and tact.—Acts 5:29.

Bible Studies *(Cont'd)*

TERMINATING UNFRUITFUL STUDIES

[4] If a student is not making meaningful progress after you have patiently aided him over a reasonable period of time, it may be best to use the time to better advantage searching for deserving ones. (Matt. 10:11-13) Depending on the circumstances, it may be wise to discontinue the study. Genuinely commend the householder for the progress made. Point out, however, that as Bible truths are learned they should be applied. Using Jesus' parable of the sower, you might discuss each of the four kinds of soil referred to and then show how this illustration emphasizes the need to respond positively to the Kingdom message. This may help the student to realize what has held him back from making steady progress. You may have opportunity to comment on what you have observed. Be kind, but straightforward and clear. (1 Cor. 14:8, 9) Let him know that the study might be resumed when the needed adjustments have been made. In the meantime, you will be calling periodically to encourage him.—See *Kingdom Ministry,* February 1970, page 4.

[5] When locating people in the territory who have studied before, it is wise to find out how long they studied and with whom. Why did they stop? If the one who previously conducted the study is known, it would be good to discuss the matter with him and the service overseer before resuming the study. Likely there are factors about which you are not aware. Some persons have studied with many different publishers over the years without ever making any real progress. We need to spend time with those who show a genuine interest in the truth.

[6] Whether terminating a Bible study or resuming one previously stopped, you may wish to discuss with the householder the fine material appearing in the article "There Is Still Time to 'Turn to Jehovah'" on pages 220-2 of the April 1, 1976, issue of *The Watchtower*. As we sharpen our abilities in conducting progressive Bible studies, countless others may yet be aided to learn, accept, and practice the truth. This can result in their obtaining an approved relationship with Jehovah God and, ultimately, everlasting life.—Phil. 4:9; John 17:3.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ The island of Kiribati reported a new peak of 24 publishers for May, a 60-percent increase over last year's average. Congregation publishers averaged 19.5 hours in the field.

◆ New Caledonia had a peak of 954 publishers in May. Their circuit assemblies were attended by 2,159, and 30 were baptized.

◆ Nigeria had an all-time peak in May of 134,543 publishers. Thus far this service year 5,456 have been baptized, which is 16.1 percent above the number baptized for the same period last year.

Subscriptions

[1] Subscriptions to *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* have helped many to become acquainted with God's Word. What can we do to ensure that subscribers continue getting the best service possible?

[2] Accuracy in filling out the subscription blank cannot be overstressed. Fine improvement has been achieved in this area. However, a growing problem is occurring when a subscriber moves. Often the Society is not immediately informed and the subscription service is interrupted.

[3] The postal service returns all undeliverable magazines to the Society at a charge of 30¢ each. In 1987 the Society had to spend more than $50,000 to cover postage on these returned undeliverable magazines. Most of these were returned because the subscriber had moved. Notices of address changes supplied to the postal service generally do not apply to our magazines. Therefore, in order to have the address changed for *Watchtower* and *Awake!* subscriptions, the Society's Subscription Change of Address form (M-205) must be sent in to give the new address. Your assistance in this will help the Society keep its handling costs at a minimum.

[4] All Expiring Subscription slips should be given immediate attention. Publishers are encouraged to follow through immediately in obtaining renewals and turning these in to the brother caring for subscriptions. Both new and renewal subscriptions obtained from unbaptized people may be reported by the publisher. (See *Our Ministry,* page 102.) However, it is helpful to the Society to have the renewals sent in as early as possible. All subscriptions should be sent to the Society weekly.

JULY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	201	121.6	75.7	49.8	5.2
Pios.	54,997	69.4	32.5	23.5	2.7
Aux. Pios.	30,944	59.3	26.5	14.4	1.3
Pubs.	688,996	10.0	6.4	3.6	0.5
TOTAL	775,138				

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Meetings for Field Service

OCTOBER 31–NOVEMBER 6

How will you present

1. The *New World Translation?*
2. The *"Kingdom Come"* book?

NOVEMBER 7-13

Witnessing to youths

1. What will you say?
2. What can you offer?

NOVEMBER 14-20

What does it mean to be

1. Adaptable and courteous?
2. Bold yet tactful?

NOVEMBER 21-27

Give suggestions on how to approach someone who

1. Studied before.
2. Regularly takes literature.
3. Feels we are doing a good work.

NOVEMBER 28–DECEMBER 4

How might you respond to someone who says:

1. "I go to church."
2. "We have our own literature."

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

The Key to Happiness.

Matt. 5:3—Being conscious of spiritual need.

Rev. 1:3—Observing God's Word.

A NEW PUBLISHER PEAK!

797,104 Report in August

How encouraging to see the 1988 service year come to a close with such an excellent report! The regular pioneers totaled 55,890, which is 2,747 more than August of last year. This also gladdens our hearts. Our determination is to laud Jehovah for his loving-kindness in prospering our efforts.—Ps. 57:9.

Encourage Others to Read and Study God's Word

1 Of all the books ever written, the Bible is the only one that provides mankind with unfailing direction on 1) how to cope with life's problems. (Jer. 10:23) In addition to that, it also 2) gives us a sure hope for the future. It is God's gift to man. Although the Bible is the all-time best-seller, surveys show that only a small percentage of those who possess a copy take the time to read it. Can we help more people to benefit from God's written Word?

2 No matter where people live on earth, they are faced with similar problems. Perplexing questions need answers, and only the Bible has the right answers. Why are we here? Why do people grow old and die? Where are we headed? Why the increase in lawlessness? Why does God permit wickedness? What remedy is there for inflation, housing and food shortages, and so forth? We have to read and study the Bible in order to obtain satisfying answers to these and other questions.

HOW TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS

3 In order to encourage people to read and study God's Word, we need to instill in them confidence that the Bible is inspired of God. (2 Tim. 3:16) We may be able to do this by using selected portions of the information under the heading "Bible" in the *Reasoning* book. Pages 60 through 64 give a variety of conclusive proofs that the Bible is the inspired Word of God.

4 Many have started to read the Bible but then stopped. Why? Perhaps it was because they became discouraged over not being able to understand what they read. It may be that we can help such persons by encouraging them to read the *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures.* Some 50,000,000 copies of this easy-to-read modern-language translation have been produced in nine different languages, making it one of the main 20th-century Bible translations in use today.

5 Whenever we find people who show interest in reading the Bible, we should offer to study it with them. We should show special interest in helping those who have the *New World Translation.* As was emphasized in the October *Our Kingdom Ministry,* we want to conduct progressive Bible studies. (Matt. 28:19, 20) This means that we will try to reach the student's heart so that what is learned will influence his conduct and answer his Bible questions.

OFFERING THE BIBLE AND *"KINGDOM COME"* BOOK

6 During the month of November, we will feature the *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* and the book *"Let Your Kingdom Come,"* for

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Are You Practicing the Things You Have Learned?

1 What a delight it was to be in attendance during all four days of our "Divine Justice" District Convention! Indeed, each day the program overflowed with encouragement and practical suggestions on how we can manifest God's justice and righteousness to a greater degree. Now that you have returned home to your regular routine of activities, are you 'practicing the things that you learned, heard, and saw demonstrated'? (Phil. 4:9) It will be beneficial to review some highlights from the convention program.

2 Recall the talk "Lead a Balanced, Simple Life" that was given on Thursday afternoon. This was based on Jesus' counsel at Matthew 6:19-33. Have you thought deeply about what you can do to unburden yourself of unnecessary things, allowing more time for study, meeting preparation, and helping others? What adjustments can you personally make in order to lead a simple life with fewer distractions and more involvement in spiritual matters? Seeking first God's Kingdom and his righteousness decreases anxieties and increases our joy in life.

3 The need to benefit from all the training that Jehovah provides through his Word and organization was emphasized in the part "Accept Discipline and Become Wise." One area where some may need to pay particular attention is in refining and improving their ministry. Do we regularly use the suggested Topic for Conversation, engaging the householder in a Bible discussion? Or are we content with brief magazine presentations? Do we apply counsel and suggestions on using the *Reasoning* book, following up interest, and conducting Bible studies?—Prov. 8:33.

4 Friday's program included the talk "Be Clean in Mind and Body." Divine justice requires that God's people be clean spiritually, morally,

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 31

Song 108

10 min: Selected Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry* and local announcements. Encourage all to share in witnessing on the first Sunday of November. Urge family heads to work with wife and children.

20 min: "Encourage Others to Read and Study God's Word." Elder handles part with questions and answers. When considering paragraph 6, have well-rehearsed demonstration using one of the suggested introductions along with the Topic for Conversation.

15 min: Be Prepared to Recommend the *New World Translation*. Elder who is effective in house-to-house ministry highlights appropriate portions of material on pages 276-80 of *Reasoning* book. Invite audience to follow along and share in discussion of points under "New World Translation" that could be useful in local territory.

Song 131 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 7

Song 75

10 min: Local announcements. Discuss appropriate presentations for current magazines, and encourage all to share in magazine work on second Saturday.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—To Children." Question-and-answer discussion. After paragraph 5, have capable publisher demonstrate adapting current Topic for Conversation when speaking with a youth. How could literature be offered? How could conversation be terminated without offering literature?

15 min: Young Ones Praise Jehovah. Interview one or two mature publishers who started serving Jehovah during teen or preteen years. What made them respond to the Kingdom message? How did being a dedicated and baptized youth help them face problems while growing up? Also, interview one or two exemplary young publishers who have given a fine witness in school or who are effective in door-to-door ministry. Why are they effective? What has helped them to overcome the tendency to hold back? What role have parents and other mature ones in the congregation played in their progress? Christian parents will want to encourage their children to work progressively toward dedication and baptism. —*The Watchtower,* March 15, 1988, pages 14-15, paragraphs 21, 22.

Song 15 and concluding prayer.

ES

JM

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 14

Song 17 RM

10 min: Local announcements. Accounts report. Inform congregation of any contribution acknowledgments received from Society. Have service overseer review August service report from *Our Kingdom Ministry* and consider local activity during that month. Comment on aspects of field service needing attention locally as indicated by report or pointed out during visit of circuit overseer. Announce special field service arrangements for Thursday, November 24, a secular holiday. RJ

20 min: "Do You Use an Appropriate Introduction?" Question-and-answer consideration of article. Encourage all to work at improving introductions. Practice with others, using suggestions in the *Reasoning* book. In considering paragraphs 4-6, have brief demonstrations by well-qualified publishers who can follow the *Reasoning* book introductions very closely. 20min 10/31 DW

15 min: Local needs or talk based on June 15, 1985, *Watchtower* article "How to Make Your Bible Reading Fruitful." Demonstrate practical suggestions as audience follows along in Bible.

Song 214 and concluding prayer.

JA

LA

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 21

Song 147 DC

10 min: Local announcements, Theocratic News, and "A New Publisher Peak!" Remind all to prepare for fourth Saturday magazine witnessing. Demonstrate two brief presentations, one featuring *Awake!* and the other *The Watchtower*. Select articles having local appeal, and use publishers who can exemplify tact and positiveness. AW

20 min: "Are You Practicing the Things You Have Learned?" Questions and answers. Help brothers to make personal application of what was learned at "Divine Justice" District Convention.

15 min: "Keep a Positive Attitude." BB Talk based on article in the June 1, 1986, *Watchtower,* pages 28-30. Make application to local situations, such as indifference of people and frequently worked territory.

Song 54 and concluding prayer.

DW

AL W.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 28

Song 62 DS

12 min: Local announcements. Encourage all to share in field service on first Sunday of December. Review literature offer for December and have brief demonstration. Highlight specific points from publication featured. LA

18 min: Educating Our Tongue to Help the Discouraged. Many things tend to discourage people today: economic problems, loss of loved ones in death, illness, spiritual problems on the part of children or mate, and so forth. Giving way to discouragement makes us more vulnerable to Satan's attacks. (Prov. 24:10; compare Luke 22:31.) Christians are under obligation to encourage and support one another. (1 Thess. 5:14; Gal. 6:2) In this we imitate Christ. (Matt. 11: 28-30) How? By being sympathetic. (Rom. 12:15) By being ready to respond in practical ways. (Jas. 2: 14-17; *rs* pp. 117-21) Using *Reasoning* book, have audience comment on what scriptures can be used to help persons in congregation and field deal with the specific problems outlined. Have two or three in audience prepared to give comments from seat to show how others encouraged them in time of need and when they faced personal problems. (Acts 28:15) Draw close to Jehovah, seek help of elders, and persevere in prayer, thus successfully fighting discouragement.—Jas. 4:8; Isa. 32:1, 2; Eph. 6: 17, 18. JM

15 min: Cooperate Fully With Congregation Book Study Arrangement. Talk by service overseer or qualified book study conductor. Encourage all to participate in study and field service and to support group in caring for assignments such as cleaning and caring for Kingdom Hall. Give appropriate commendation and counsel according to local circumstances.

Song 12 and concluding prayer.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?:*

November 7: Pages 95* to 102
November 14: Pages 103 to 111
November 21: Pages 112 to 120*
November 28: Pages 120* to 127

* To or from subheading.

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Announcements

- Literature offer for **November**: *New World Translation* with the *"Kingdom Come"* book for a contribution of $5.00. **December**: *My Book of Bible Stories* or *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* for a contribution of $3.00. Small-size *Live Forever* book is $1.50. The brochure *"Look! I Am Making All Things New"* may be offered for a contribution of 30¢ when regular offer is not accepted. **January and February**: Any 192-page book published prior to 1980, for contribution of 50¢. Books reprinted on better-grade paper not to be used in this offer. Alternate offer for congregations that do not have older books: *Happiness—How to Find It* or *"Let Your Kingdom Come"* for a contribution of $1.00 each.
- From time to time the Society receives inquiries from publishers in the United States who are considering naturalization. Whether one should apply for U.S. citizenship or not is entirely a personal decision. It is not necessary to be a citizen of a particular country in order to be baptized or to preach the good news of the Kingdom. Each individual must make his own final decision. A factor to consider is whether the naturalization law may require one to violate Bible principles and conscience. The Society's publications in the past have commented on the general topics of oaths and citizenship. Sufficient information to assist one who is making a decision on citizenship is provided by examining these topics in the *Watch Tower Publications Index 1930-1985*.
- Congregations should begin ordering the *1989 Yearbook of Jehovah's Witnesses* on their November literature orders. (See the 1988 *Cost List,* paragraphs 7-10.) The *Yearbook* will be available in Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Portuguese, Spanish, and Swedish. Until the *Yearbook* is available and shipments are made, it will appear as "Back Ordered" on congregation invoices. *Yearbooks* are controlled stock items (See the *Cost List,* paragraphs 23-25.) and will cost $1.00 for congregation and public; 50¢ for pioneers. Regular and special pioneers on the list before July 1, 1988, may receive a free copy for which the congregation may request credit.
- Each issue of *Awake!* during 1989 will contain a progressive segment of a series entitled "Religion's Future in View of Its Past." These articles will examine the future of religion by taking a look back at religion's history and applying the principle of cause and effect. Publishers are encouraged to make well-prepared presentations and feature this information whenever appropriate. In this way, people who are concerned with the decline of religion today can be helped to learn of the Kingdom hope.
- No arrangements are being made for public talks to be given on the book *Revelation—Its Grand Climax at Hand!*
- New Publications Available:

  New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures—1985 Edition (Deluxe edition), available in black or maroon —German

  Enjoy Life on Earth Forever! —Bassa (Cameroon), Bena, Boulou, Douala, Maltese, Medumba
- New Cassette Recordings Available:

  Jeremiah, Lamentations (set of five; congregation and public: $7.50; pioneers: $6.25) —German

  Album with complete Greek Scriptures (set of 18 cassettes in album; congregation and public: $30.00; pioneers: $20.00) —Italian

  Ezekiel (set of five; congregation and public: $7.50; pioneers: $6.25) —Spanish

Do You Use an Appropriate Introduction?

1 When a householder opens the door, the publisher of the good news is faced with the challenge of introducing the Kingdom message in an appropriate way. Within the next ten seconds, the householder will often decide whether to listen to the presentation or to dismiss the Witness. As Kingdom preachers, we know the information we bring is vitally important, and we really want to help those with whom we speak. (Rom. 10:14) But we will have the opportunity to share the Bible truths we bring only if our introduction holds the person's attention.—Col. 4:6; compare Proverbs 25:11.

2 In considering the appropriateness of our introduction, it would be good to ask ourselves if perhaps we have lapsed into using the same introduction repeatedly because it is easy to remember or because we feel comfortable with it. Are there expressions in our introduction that might generate prejudice in some territories? Is it specific enough to arouse interest from the outset, or does it allow the householder to terminate the discussion before we even get into our subject? How can we arouse the householder's interest early in our discussion? Effective introductions do not just happen. They require hard work, careful preparation, and regular rehearsals.

SELECTING THE RIGHT INTRODUCTION

3 Beginning on page 9 of the *Reasoning* book, there is an excellent section entitled "Introductions for Use in the Field Ministry." A review of the opening remarks in this section will no doubt be very helpful. At the outset, we are reminded that different approaches are needed for different kinds of territories, people, and circumstances. Selection of the right introduction requires careful consideration.

4 As you introduce the Kingdom message, can you show how it will benefit the householder personally? As an example, consider the first introduction under the heading "Crime/Safety" on page 10 of the *Reasoning* book. In the first statement, a subject of vital concern to the householder is introduced. The subsequent discussion would show the Kingdom's role in eliminating crime.

5 How can we clear out obstacles to the householder's willingness to consider our message? The headings on pages 14 and 15 in the *Reasoning* book offer excellent suggestions. For example, think about how you might use the introduction under the heading "When Many People Say: 'I Have My Own Religion.'" The first statement may arouse the interest of the householder. Can you use this approach in your territory?

6 How can we demonstrate our genuine interest in the welfare of the householder? (Mark 6:34) A sincere, friendly smile can help. Friendliness attracts others and is in keeping with our purpose to help people. Our interest in the householder is also shown by encouraging him to offer his comments. An honest request for his opinion can do much to help him listen to our message. An example of this is seen in the second introduction under "Kingdom" on page 12. Have you used this? In general, people like to give their opinion, and they will be curious about what question you are going to ask. If we are to retain their interest, though, we must *listen* to their response and then adjust our presentation to take advantage of what we have learned about their views.

BEING ALERT TO CIRCUMSTANCES

7 When you approach the door, observe the surroundings. Are there toys in the yard, clothes hanging on a line, religious articles at the entrance, and so forth? When the householder comes to the door, are we greeted by a man or a woman, someone young or old, a mother, a father, or a child? Any of these factors can help us to select an appropriate introduction tailored to the needs and interests of the person who greets us.

8 The introductions suggested in the *Reasoning* book have all been tried, and they have proved successful. Why not make an effort to use them in your territory? See which ones are most effective. Likely you will find that with good preparation, including regular practice sessions, your introductions will become more effective and you will have greater success in spreading the Word of life.—Matt. 13:18-23.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

To Children

[1] A look around you at most congregation meetings and certainly at large conventions provides abundant evidence that there is a vast crowd of 'young men, virgins, and boys' —yes, children—praising Jehovah. (Ps. 148:12) This should remind each of us of the need to give young ones we meet in field service every opportunity to learn of Jehovah and his promises. Our being alert and prepared to witness to children will afford them this opportunity. There are several factors that should be considered.

[2] A positive attitude toward children and their capacity for developing a love for Jehovah is needed. Bible examples, such as Samuel, David, and Timothy, provide assurance that those young in years can be unswervingly devoted to God. (1 Sam. 2:18; Ps. 71:17; 2 Tim. 3:14, 15) There are also modern-day examples.

WHEN A YOUNG ONE ANSWERS THE DOOR

[3] When a youth answers the door, do you customarily ask to speak with the parents? Do you then proceed to the next door if the parents are not at home? That young person's life is precious also. Why not adjust your presentation and share the good news with him or her? A simple presentation explaining what Paradise will be like or a brief statement regarding what the future holds could be used to arouse interest. For example, many children are familiar with the Lord's Prayer and can readily understand comments as to what the answer to that prayer will mean in the way of changed world conditions.

[4] In witnessing to children, it is important to respect parental authority. Discretion should be used in offering literature to children. Depending on their age, it may be appropriate to ask if their parents allow them to choose their own reading material. If they are not at liberty to accept literature but do show interest, witness to them orally and arrange to call back when their parents are at home. This may be a stepping-stone to helping the parents as well.

[5] Being adaptable and alert includes being aware that we have what young people need. Jehovah's organization has prepared appealing publications with timely information designed to reach young people of all ages. The *Great Teacher* and *Bible Stories* books hold special interest for those tender in years. The *Youth* and *Family Life* books contain pertinent information to aid those who are older. And what a treasure is to be found in the *Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines! The *Awake!* feature "Young People Ask . . . " and the *Watchtower* series "Jesus' Life and Ministry" would be appropriate to offer to children. The four-color illustrations throughout both magazines can stir the imagination of youths and arouse in them a desire to know the God who is responsible for the endless marvels of creation. Not to be overlooked are the colorful brochures, such as *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* So when you prepare for field service, give thought to what you can take along that would appeal to young people.

[6] Jehovah's execution of judgment will affect all, including "young man and virgin and little child." (Ezek. 9:6) The fact that some who have served Jehovah for many years embraced the truth at a tender age should help us see the need to give a witness to children we meet in the ministry. We can show loving concern just as Jesus did and bring a blessing by sharing the good news with them. (Matt. 19:14, 15) Be positive and give an appropriate witness to young ones, with the hope that they too may become praisers of Jehovah.

Encourage Others (*Cont'd*)

a contribution of $5.00. By offering these two publications enthusiastically, we may be able to encourage more people to read and study God's Word. As an introduction to the current Topic for Conversation, you may want to adapt the second introduction under "Bible/God" on page 10 of the *Reasoning* book. Or an adaptation of the first introduction under "Family/Children" on page 11 may be appropriate for you and your territory. Being prepared with these two introductions will equip you to assist many people during November.

[7] As we come closer to the end of this system of things, many more individuals with questions will no doubt be searching for answers that can be found only in God's Word. May we be diligent in offering them what they need. Let us persist in encouraging others to read and study God's Word. November's offer of the *New World Translation* and *"Kingdom Come"* book opens up a fine way for us to do this.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

- **American Samoa reported a new peak of 124 publishers in June, a 23-percent increase. More than 25 percent of the publishers were in pioneer work that month.**
- **An all-time peak of 35,797 publishers was reached during June in Colombia. A peak of 64,266 Bible studies was also reported.**
- **Fiji had their 42nd consecutive peak with 1,398 reporting in June. They had 2,271 studies, their 13th consecutive peak.**
- **Jamaica, with a peak of 8,545 publishers, reports that 13,727 attended their special assembly day series.**

Things You Have Learned (*Cont'd*)

mentally, and physically. (2 Cor. 7:1) Are you 'practicing what was learned' in this important matter? How? We will maintain spiritual cleanness by remaining separate from this world's unclean religions and from apostates. Disciplining of the mind is needed if we are to avoid unclean thinking habits or entertaining wrong sexual desires, which lead to mental and moral uncleanness. (Job 31:1, 9-11) Have you taken firm steps to avoid movies, TV programs, or reading matter that could have a corrupting influence on you or those in your family? It was also pointed out that some have neglected personal hygiene and tidiness at home. If any have a weakness in this area, surely adjustments can be made in personal habits to ensure physical cleanness. Every member of the family needs to cooperate to maintain the cleanness and orderliness of a household. Particularly when representing Jehovah in the ministry would we want to be neatly groomed and wear clothing that is neat, clean, and modest in appearance. We thereby honor our holy God.—1 Pet. 1:14-16.

[5] Future issues of *Our Kingdom Ministry* will remind us of still other vital aspects of divine justice that we learned about at this summer's convention. This will be helpful to all as we put into practice these principles of righteousness in our daily lives and in our ministry. Unlike many in Christendom who listen with pleasure to the Bible's message but do not act upon it, we derive much happiness and personal benefit from being "doers of the word, and not hearers only."—Jas. 1:22-25; Ezek. 33:32.

AUGUST SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	210	123.6	75.0	50.7	5.2
Pios.	55,890	63.7	27.4	21.8	2.6
Aux. Pios.	33,255	59.4	24.4	14.8	1.3
Pubs.	707,749	10.0	6.0	3.7	0.5
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Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 628

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Meetings for Field Service

DECEMBER 5-11

How do you plan to

1. Introduce new Topic for Conversation?
2. Involve householder in discussion?
3. Lay groundwork for return visits?

DECEMBER 12-18

When offering *Live Forever* book

1. What do you feature?
2. What questions will arouse interest?
3. How do you make transition to *"Look!"* brochure?

DECEMBER 19-25

How will you offer *Bible Stories* book

1. To a young person?
2. To a parent or an older person?
3. As a means to improve family life?

DECEMBER 26–JANUARY 1

During holidays, how will you

1. Respond to greetings?
2. Show consideration for householders?
3. Stress the Kingdom?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Blessings of God's Kingdom. (See *Reasoning*, pages 230-1.)

2 Pet. 3:13—Promise of righteous conditions.

Rev. 21:4—Death and pain to be no more.

United in Doing Jehovah's Will

1 In some areas the weather during December can be cold or rainy. There may be times when having a share in the Kingdom service is difficult, and it may take more determination on our part to get into the field service. There may also be occasions when we cannot spend as much time outofdoors because of unfavorable weather conditions. Nevertheless, with good planning and diligent effort, we can continue to sound forth the Kingdom good news.

2 For many people December is a holiday month. Their minds turn to celebrations, the buying and preparing of gifts, visiting relatives, and seasonal social activity. Since much of the celebration is supposedly in honor of Christ, it may be good to highlight matters pertaining to Christ in our preaching work. Informal witnessing also offers the opportunity to discuss the real purpose of Jesus' birth, focusing on the teachings of the Scriptures regarding God's Son as our Redeemer. The door-to-door ministry and return visits can stress the real significance of Jesus in the lives of Christians.

THE OFFER

3 We will be offering *My Book of Bible Stories* or *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* for a contribution of $3.00 each or the small-size edition of the *Live Forever* book for $1.50. Both publications provide many avenues of approach with the Kingdom good news. Part 6 of the *Bible Stories* book, beginning with story 84, covers the period from the birth of Jesus to his death. Here we have a wealth of information on various topics dealing with Jesus' birth. There are the stories entitled "An Angel Visits Mary," "Jesus Born in a Stable," and "Men Guided by a Star." As you can readily appreciate, in these three stories alone, you have many points that can be used in talking with those you meet in the field during the Christmas holidays. This would be particularly true where there are children in the family.

4 Chapter 6, beginning on page 57 of the *Live Forever* book, is entitled "Jesus Christ—Sent by God?" This provides many talking points concerning Jesus' prehuman existence, his life on earth, and the reason for his coming, including his current role as Ruler of God's Kingdom. In view of the fact that the birth of Jesus is in the minds of many people at this particular time of the year, you can see the benefit of directing attention to the *Live Forever* book to heighten their interest in accurate information about our Lord.

5 If the book offer is not accepted, you may offer the *"Look!"* brochure. Here, too, it is possible to highlight

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"This Is the Way"

1 Isaiah 30:21 states: "Your own ears will hear a word behind you saying: 'This is the way. Walk in it, you people.'" That "word behind you" is the voice of Jehovah speaking through his Word and organization. Are you giving heed to that "word," and are you helping others to respond to it?—Jas. 4:17.

2 Those with whom we study need to appreciate that Jehovah has an organization. We must help them to view the organization in harmony with the fulfillment of prophecy and become motivated to cooperate with it. (Acts, chapter 2; compare Romans 12:5.) What can we do to emphasize the role of the organization in their lives?

MAKE GOOD USE OF BROCHURE

3 The brochure *Jehovah's Witnesses—Unitedly, Doing God's Will Worldwide* can be very useful in directing Bible students to Jehovah's organization. It makes effective use of the Scriptures, pictures, and review questions. It is very beneficial to spend ten minutes or so during or at the close of each study period to discuss information from the brochure.

4 The student should be encouraged to review the article or the portion that can be covered during the allotted time. Perhaps you will want to limit your discussion to one or two questions. For example, when discussing "Jehovah Gathers and Equips His People for Work," you could spend the entire time on the third question on page 11. Using the scriptures cited while reviewing the points made on pages 8 and 9 can help the student understand Jehovah's direction.

5 Make good use of the pictures in "Congregations for Building Up in Love and Unity," beginning on page 12. Why not make a point of using these to show the basic responsibilities of the elders? Such emphasis will make it easier for the student to learn to go to the elders when experiencing problems.

6 When reviewing the meetings, consider only one each week. This can be done when you are about to discuss the answer to question 2 in

(*Continued on page 2, col. 2*)

Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 5

Song 8

8 min: Local announcements and Theocratic News. Include comments on December magazines dealing with holiday celebrations. Remind brothers of magazine activity for second Saturday of the month.

20 min: "Manifesting Faith by Fine Works." Question-and-answer coverage of paragraphs 1-12.

17 min: "United in Doing Jehovah's Will." Discussion between elder and ministerial servant. Demonstrate offer as mentioned in paragraphs 3 and 4, one presentation from house to house, the other in informal witnessing.

Song 224 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 12

Song 65

12 min: Local announcements. Include accounts report along with Society acknowledgment of contributions made by congregation. Comment briefly on "Prepare Well for Congregation Book Study."

15 min: "Manifesting Faith by Fine Works." Question-and-answer coverage of paragraphs 13-21.

18 min: "The Theocratic Ministry School Brings Benefits." Talk by school overseer, stressing benefits and pointing out adjustments for coming year. Mention total enrolled, and encourage those who have not yet enrolled to do so.

Song 118 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 19

Song 162 LA+JM

DC

10 min: Local announcements and appropriate Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Encourage sharing in magazine work on fourth Saturday. Outline arrangements for holiday witnessing. Briefly demonstrate one or two appropriate introductions. JA

15 min: "Pay Constant Attention to Your Teaching." Consider practical points from article in July 15, 1988, issue of *The Watchtower*. Stress using *Reasoning* book to improve introductions, as mentioned on pages 16 and 17 of article.

AW

20 min: "This Is the Way." Questions and answers. Include one or two brief demonstrations to show how to direct interest to the organization by using *Doing God's Will* brochure.

Song 42 and concluding prayer.

WK

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 26

Song 26 KW

12 min: Local announcements. Outline arrangements for witnessing on the holiday weekend. Demonstrate offer for the month of January, using introduction from *Reasoning* book. Suggest other introductions that could be used with offer.

18 min: "Presenting the Good News—In Territory Frequently Worked." Questions and answers. Adjust according to local needs. Emphasize need to work territory thoroughly and to call back on all placements.

15 min: Local needs or talk on "Remember Christian Principles" from *The Watchtower* of October 1, 1988, pages 26-9.

Song 206 and concluding prayer.

United *(Cont'd)*

the role Jesus plays in providing our ransom from sin and death. In particular you can refer to pages 18 and 19 to highlight this subject.

[6] With many young publishers having a holiday period during December, they too can have a full share in the all-important Kingdom work along with their family and others in the congregation. Some may be able to auxiliary pioneer. The body of elders should schedule meetings for field service to meet the needs of the congregation.

[7] Even though December's weather may prove inclement at times, all should strive to have a meaningful share in unitedly doing Jehovah's will. One of the best ways to stimulate interest in the Kingdom message is to tie it in with something that is currently on the minds of people. December offers us a fine opportunity to do just that, since in many cases people will be thinking about the religious holidays.

The Way *(Cont'd)*

the article "Meetings for Inciting to Love and Fine Works." Show the student how you prepare for the Congregation Book Study.

KEEP IT SIMPLE

[7] There are many other topics in *Doing God's Will* that can be developed as the need arises. As one brother put it: "The thing for which to strive is simplicity. Just a couple of scripture texts, a brief discussion touching on the need for being present at meetings, and would you believe it?—it works!" Another brother stated: "In my opening and closing prayers, I always refer to Jehovah's organization."

[8] The *Doing God's Will* brochure can provide direction and help to keep your Bible study alive, moving, and progressive. Remember to consider points from the brochure on a regular basis. Let us then take the lead in directing attentive students to Jehovah's organization and join with Jehovah in saying, "This is the way."

Prepare Well for Congregation Book Study

Some lessons scheduled in the *Creation* book are short. When preparing for the Congregation Book Study, it may be helpful to look up related material published in recent years in *The Watchtower* and *Awake!*

Information that can be found through use of the *Index* should stimulate discussion of points mentioned briefly in the *Creation* book. For example, relevant material that may be considered during December can be found by checking references listed under "Creation," "Evolution," "Earth," "Seasons," "Water," "Atmosphere," "Trees," and so forth.

With a little research, study conductors in particular can be better prepared to stimulate discussion when time allows. Answers should be clear and to the point.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?:*

December 5: Pages 128 to 138*
December 12: Pages 138* to 146*
December 19: Pages 146* to 151
December 26: Pages 152 to 159

* To or from subheading.

SEPTEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	257	128.4	86.7	53.9	5.4
Pios.	61,591	83.3	40.1	27.3	2.6
Aux. Pios.	37,192	59.8	28.5	16.2	1.4
Pubs.	686,101	9.6	6.2	3.8	0.5
TOTAL	785,141				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,334

We rejoice to see a new peak of 61,591 regular pioneers reporting in September, a 6-percent increase over the same month one year ago.

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Manifesting Faith by Fine Works

KINGDOM HALL
of
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

[1] Fine works are an evidence of faith that is alive. For example, faith motivates Christians to act compassionately toward those in need. (Jas. 2:14-17, 26) Such faith has become outstandingly manifest in the support being given to the current Kingdom Hall building program and the Society Kingdom Hall Fund. Although faced with increased pressures of daily living, along with escalating construction costs, Jehovah's Witnesses in all parts of the earth have proved to be "a people . . . zealous for fine works" by volunteering labor and providing funds to meet the need for additional and improved Kingdom Hall facilities. (Titus 2:14) As "the desirable things of all the nations" continue to stream to Jehovah's organization, we have the privilege of continuing to manifest our faith by our works in their behalf.—Hag. 2:7.

[2] Regular contributions to the Society Kingdom Hall Fund have assisted congregations having a pressing need with their Kingdom Hall construction projects. As loans are repaid, these funds are, in turn, used to help other congregations. Funds have now been made available to assist in the construction of 571 new Kingdom Halls, accommodating 849 congregations. But the number of congregations in the United States has increased by 920 during the five years that the Society Kingdom Hall Fund has been operating! Thus, there is still a pressing need for additional Kingdom Halls.

SPEEDING UP THE WORK

[3] In recent years a tremendous work has been accomplished in constructing quickly built Kingdom Halls. Regional Building Committees have assisted many congregations with their new Kingdom Hall construction and major remodeling projects. The 63 Regional Building Committees reported that 335 projects involving construction of new Kingdom Halls or renovation of existing buildings were completed last year. Many of the new Kingdom Hall building projects were financed entirely or in part by the Society Kingdom Hall Fund.

[4] The guidelines that the Society has provided for the Regional Building Committees have helped to simplify and speed up building procedures, while enhancing safety. The appointed committees now schedule skilled craftsmen to be at the construction site only during the time that their skills are actually needed. This limits the number of workers on the site at any one time and allows them to spend more time with their families and congregations. One Regional Building Committee reported: "By following the Society's guidelines . . . , we were able to schedule closely each trade as it was needed. We have experienced a very noticeable increase in efficiency, safety, and quality of work. . . . [The workers] came and went as scheduled. This was appreciated by the workers that came from distant places, being there only when needed and then returning home to family and congregation. This has helped to reduce congestion and food costs and has increased safety." Another commented: "Each department was on the job only as needed . . . 140 to 180 workers was the peak at any one time. Having no young children on the job was an improvement, making it safer and easier to accomplish work."

[5] The fine quality of the work has been observed by others. When one building committee was having difficulty in getting cooperation from local officials, the chief building inspector from a nearby city, who had worked with Kingdom Hall construction in his area, provided a letter of recommendation. In part, he said: "I would be more than happy to discuss the way we have handled the two projects in our area. . . . The entire project was well coordinated, supervised, and the work done by craftsmen, not just workers. . . . When things are coordinated so well, you can just about tell to the hour when inspections will be needed. . . . Quite a feat! Mr. Building

Official, don't worry—'quick-build' will do you proud!"

Arcadia, Louisiana

Breckenridge, Minnesota

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Lebanon,

Crawford, Alabama

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Jackson, Wyoming

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WILLING VOLUNTEERS

6 Along with experienced elders serving on Regional Building Committees, volunteers representing 66 different trades are used during the year to assist congregations with their Kingdom Hall projects. This too is a fine expression of brotherly love, as this work takes them away from their congregations and families.—Rom. 12:10; Heb. 13:1.

7 Psalm 110:3 says to the enthroned Jesus: "Your people will offer themselves willingly on the day of your military force," and this is true not only in the preaching and disciple-making work but also in construction projects. Of course, in all of this, we look to Jehovah to bless the arrangement. As Psalm 127:1 says: "Unless Jehovah himself builds the house, it is to no avail that its builders have worked hard on it."

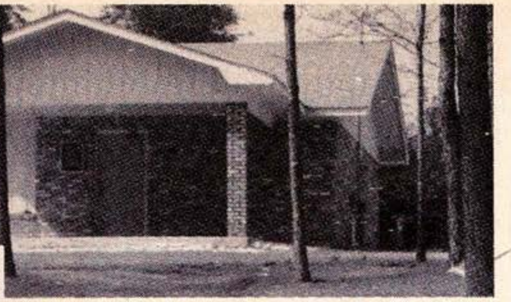
CONGREGATIONS CAN ASSIST

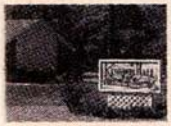
8 There is much that each congregation can do to support the Kingdom Hall construction program. For instance, congregations contemplating undertaking new construction projects can select a simple design that will neither be costly nor require intensive labor. (Compare Philippians 1:10.) The Society has available a variety of Kingdom Hall plans that are compatible with the method of construction used for quickly built halls. (Please note the December 1986 *Our Kingdom Ministry* insert, paragraphs 10-12.) While we look forward to Jehovah's blessing upon our congregations, we must also be practical in our building design so as to meet the need, without placing an unnecessary burden on either the friends or the resources of the Society Kingdom Hall Fund.

9 Some congregations have included in their Kingdom Hall design a modest apartment that can be used by a traveling overseer while serving in the area. In the future, congregations building Kingdom Halls that will be centrally located in the circuit may want to consider whether it would be practical to include a room where the circuit overseer and his wife can be accommodated.

10 When undertaking a Kingdom Hall building project, the need for local financial support can be discussed frankly with the congregation(s) involved. The more finances the brothers provide locally with both contributions and loans, the less they will need to borrow. This allows more of the resources of the Kingdom Hall Fund to be available for other congregations to use in building their Kingdom Halls.

11 Some congregations, after requesting assistance from the Society Kingdom Hall Fund and being advised that they would have to wait because moneys were not available at the time, have then found sufficient loans and contributions available locally to complete their project. It is good to check thoroughly the availability of such funds before requesting help. (Luke 14:28-30) Surveys indicate there are at present over 470 Kingdom Hall





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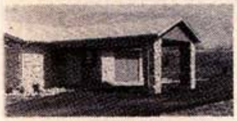

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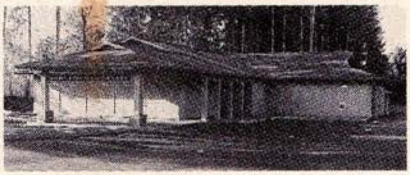

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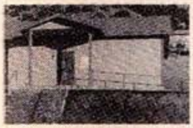

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construction projects in need of financial assistance! And when we consider the cost of a new Kingdom Hall, this represents a considerable amount of money that will be needed to complete these projects. Philippians 2:4 reminds us: 'Keep an eye, not in personal interest upon just your own matters, but also in personal interest upon those of the others.'

[12] Many congregations and circuits have assisted regularly by passing resolutions authorizing that funds be contributed to the Society Kingdom Hall Fund. This is commendable and appreciated. Even though a congregation follows this procedure, a Society Kingdom Hall Fund contribution box conveniently located in the Kingdom Hall will enable individuals desiring to do so to make voluntary contributions to the fund. Any moneys placed in this contribution box should be forwarded to the Society *in addition to* those covered by the congregation's resolution. Individuals may also make direct contributions to the fund, sending their remittances to the Society with an accompanying letter specifying the purpose of the contribution.

THE PRESENT NEED

[13] There are various reasons why some congregations are eager to build new Kingdom Halls. Although some early Kingdom Halls may have been built initially in fine neighborhoods and at the time were of sufficient size to care for the needs of the congregations, circumstances have changed, and we have experienced wonderful growth. Some congregations have simply outgrown their present hall. The meetings are overcrowded, and at times the attendance may exceed legal limits. Usually these halls also have insufficient parking space.

[14] Many congregations still meet in rented buildings, such as community centers. The meeting schedule is subject to change, or use of the facility may be cancelled at the discretion of the management. This may occur because of conflicting schedules, civic events, and so forth. In these instances, all the equipment and seating is makeshift, requiring setting up for each meeting and dismantling afterward. Sometimes these places are decorated inside and outside according to the worldly holiday season. Often rented facilities are in downtown areas where parking is limited. This has caused difficulties and tense situations with neighbors. Also, the community may view the congregation as lacking permanency, and this hinders growth. Some of these facilities are upstairs, making access difficult, and at times dangerous, for older or infirm persons.

[15] Some Kingdom Halls are located far from any population center. Attending meetings requires extra travel time and expense for the publishers and interested ones. Such halls may be difficult for new ones to find, and this limits growth in the area. Some have been built in low-lying areas that flood periodically. On the other hand, Kingdom Halls built in metropolitan areas a number of years ago may now be in neighborhoods that have deteriorated. At times in such neighborhoods,

vandalism is directed at the Kingdom Hall and at the brothers' automobiles. Neighbors have threatened the brothers and sisters. All of this does not make for a pleasant atmosphere.

EXCELLENT RESULTS

[16] Following the construction of a double-auditorium Kingdom Hall, a congregation in New York State reported: "One member of the local community block club group that was extremely opposed to our building the Kingdom Hall came by after the project was up. She apologized for being negative about the Kingdom Hall and said that it was the most amazing thing she had ever seen in her life. She said that the peace and unity displayed on this building project could only come about because of our having the Lord's backing, adding, 'Don't be surprised to see me at your meeting.' Other members of that same block club came by with movie cameras to take pictures, and they invited us to their meeting as their guests to welcome us to the community and for us to talk about our beliefs. People in the city as a whole are much more willing to talk to us at their doors, and they view us in a much more favorable light. . . . The experiences are unlimited."

[17] A congregation in Kentucky that had previously met in a remodeled older home wrote regarding the construction of their new Kingdom Hall: "Our experience in the community was very favorable, with many comments regarding 'what can be accomplished with true unity and cooperation.' We also received a lot of help from local businesses in the loan of various things, such as front-end loaders, telephone service for the building weekend, Saturday service from building supply houses, and very reasonable food prices. The list goes on and on. Our plumbing supplier, located over 50 miles away, was so interested that he gave us his home phone number and offered to bring any needed supplies on Saturday or Sunday at his expense, saying he really wanted an excuse to come and see such a project."

[18] The building project generally encourages the publishers, in addition to making a long-lasting impression on the community. One body of elders in West Virginia reported: "We have experienced great joy in our new hall. The local friends have really taken pride in it and are much more diligent in taking their turn in maintaining it. We have also noticed that our meeting attendance has improved. The community has really responded also. While for most their interest in the truth is still reserved, they have commented very favorably on what was accomplished and still do, even though a year has passed. Jehovah's name has certainly gained a greater respectability, and our preaching work too has gained more respect. The new hall seems to have given us a better foothold in the territory than we experienced before."

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

[19] Congregations have written expressions of appreciation for the Society Kingdom Hall Fund. Representative of these are the sentiments expressed by a congregation in Indiana: "It was a wonderful experience for all of us here. . . . We also want to thank the Society for the material assistance provided by the building fund. Having this assistance allowed us to build a Kingdom Hall large enough to accommodate our growing needs."

[20] One congregation in Alabama had met in a mobile home under cramped conditions for three years. After completing the construction of a new Kingdom Hall with assistance from the Society Kingdom Hall Fund, they wrote: "From the fullness of our hearts, we thank you. People in our territory are absolutely amazed at what Jehovah's Witnesses are doing. The wonderful thing about it is they are talking about Jehovah. Some are coming to our meetings, others come by just to see the Kingdom Hall. We have started some very fine Bible studies, and one is headed for baptism."

[21] As we look to the future, we pray for Jehovah's continued blessing on the Kingdom Hall construction program. By our whole-hearted support, we can show our appreciation for the Kingdom Hall and its role in helping us to encourage one another and "incite to love and fine works." (Heb. 10:24, 25) This involves faithfully caring for our own Kingdom Hall and assisting others with contributions, volunteer labor, and other needed support as we are able. In this regard let us all be determined not to "give up in doing what is fine, for in due season we shall reap if we do not tire out."—Gal. 6:9.

Announcements

- Literature offer for **December:** *My Book of Bible Stories* or *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* for a contribution of $3.00. Small-size *Live Forever* book is $1.50. The brochure *"Look! I Am Making All Things New"* may be offered for a contribution of 30¢ when regular offer is not accepted. **January and February:** Any 192-page book published before 1980 and printed on groundwood (newsprint) paper that the congregation now has in stock, for a contribution of 50¢. Books printed on better-grade (free-sheet) paper are not to be used in this offer. *Choosing, Commentary on James,* and *Word of God,* although printed on better-grade paper, may also be offered for 50¢ during these two months. Congregations that do not have these older books may offer any other 192-page book available locally for a contribution of $1.00 each. **March:** *Revelation—Its Grand Climax at Hand!* for a contribution of $3.00.

- Congregations should begin ordering bound volumes of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* for 1988 on their December literature orders. (See the 1988 *Cost List,* paragraphs 7-10.) The bound volumes will be available in Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, and Spanish. Until the bound volumes are available and shipments are made, these will appear as "Back Ordered" on congregation invoices. Bound volumes are controlled stock items and will be charged at $6.00 each for congregation, public, and pioneers. (See the *Cost List,* paragraphs 23-25.)

- Shipment of the reprinted *Watchtower* bound volumes for 1960 through 1964 has begun, and the Society will now accept orders for the years 1965 through 1969. Congregations and individuals desiring to have these volumes for their library should determine the total number of volumes they need for each year and submit their requests through the congregation. The total quantities should be entered on the Literature Order form (S-14) and SUBMITTED DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1988. (See the *Cost List,* paragraphs 7-10.) Printing of the 1965 through 1969 bound volumes, for the English *Watchtower* only, will commence in early 1989. Please do not place orders for years other than 1965 through 1969 until future direction appears in *Our Kingdom Ministry.* Since the Society will not stock these reprinted volumes, we urge all to consider the matter carefully and place orders for the 1965 through 1969 volumes that are needed. Later orders will only be filled as long as existing supplies last. These reprinted volumes are controlled stock items and are to be paid for upon receipt. The price will be $6.00 each.

- The presiding overseer or someone designated by him should audit the congregation's accounts on December 1 or as soon as possible thereafter.

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The Theocratic Ministry School Brings Benefits

1 Since 1943 the Theocratic Ministry School has proved to be a real blessing to those who have taken advantage of its fine provisions. Yes, the Theocratic Ministry School continues to accomplish its two main objectives: (1) to improve our ability to speak Bible truth and (2) to make us more familiar with God's Word, its doctrines, and its principles. Many have expressed deep appreciation for the benefits received from the progressive training of the Theocratic Ministry School. Both brothers and sisters have been helped to 'handle the word of truth aright.'—2 Tim. 2:15.

MAKING ADVANCEMENT

2 Those who are newly enrolled as well as those who have been in the school for many years can gain the greatest benefit by carefully preparing their assignments. It has been observed that some read their presentation. To become more proficient in giving a witness requires both good reading and the ability to express oneself extemporaneously.

3 The *Reasoning* book has proved to be a fine asset in our work, and the Theocratic Ministry School is an excellent forum through which we have become better acquainted with its many features. Becoming more familiar with this publication will enable us to express ideas in our own words and to be more conversational. During 1989 we will continue to benefit from a progressive consideration of the *Reasoning* book by means of the student talks based on material in that publication.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR 1989

4 During the coming year, Assignment No. 1 will still be based on *"All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial."* Although 15 minutes will be allotted, a slight adjustment is being made. From 10 to 12 minutes may be used for the talk and from 3 to 5 minutes for the oral review.

5 Highlights from the Bible reading will continue to be one of the most important parts of the Theocratic Ministry School. Brothers who handle this assignment should help the audience understand *why* and *how* the information is of value to us. Using the Scripture index in the *Watch Tower Publications Index* can be of much assistance. Additionally, special articles on books of the Hebrew Scriptures will continue to appear in *The Watchtower,* and these will provide background material and other practical points that can be used. If the weekly presentation of Bible highlights is not properly cared for, the school overseer will give private counsel.

WRITTEN REVIEWS

6 Beginning in 1989, a change will be made in the way in which written reviews are handled. Reviews will be held three times during the year—at the end of April, August, and December. The Society will no longer provide a printed review sheet, but each publisher should bring his own paper and pen so he may participate. As in the past, prepared questions with their answers will be provided by the Society. In the written reviews, particular attention will be given to material covered in Assignment No. 1 and Bible highlights.

BIBLE READING

7 Are we personally benefiting from the assigned Bible reading? As we read, let us look for scriptures that build appreciation, that strengthen qualities needed in our personal and family life, or that help us apply the examples in the narratives. Have we tried doing our weekly Bible reading while listening to the Society's Bible tapes? By thus utilizing the senses of seeing and hearing we can greatly enhance our grasp of the material. Let us not overlook the excellent help these tapes provide for brothers assigned to prepare Talk No. 2. By paying attention to proper pronunciation, voice inflection, sense stress, and modulation, these can make their reading more lively and meaningful.

8 Jehovah has made abundant spiritual provision to assist us in our vital preaching work. At Psalm 19:14, David expressed his prayerful desire: "Let the sayings of my mouth and the meditation of my heart become pleasurable before you, O Jehovah my Rock and my Redeemer." If, as in David's case, love for Jehovah and his Son wells up in our heart, the Theocratic Ministry School can help us make the sayings of our mouth more pleasurable to Jehovah during 1989. Let us determine now to benefit fully from this loving provision of our kind heavenly Father.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

In Territory Frequently Worked

[1] How often are you working your territory? If the territory is covered often, you are especially blessed. Why? Because congregations that work their territory frequently usually experience rapid growth. This has been the experience of congregations in many large cities. For example, in New York City, where most territory is worked regularly, there are now more than 340 congregations.

[2] When working a territory that was being covered weekly, one brother met a woman who said she had never been contacted before. She eagerly took literature and was glad someone found her. So there are still people in such territory who have not had the opportunity to hear the good news. (Compare 2 Peter 3:9b.) *Thorough* coverage of frequently worked territory is important in order to search out sheeplike people.—Matt. 10:11.

MEETING THE CHALLENGE

[3] Where territory is worked frequently, it is vital to keep an accurate house-to-house record. Lists of not-at-homes can be used to keep groups busy in the field when other territory is not available. Why not use evening witnessing periods to try to reach those not found at home earlier in the day? Remember, those away during the day and on weekends are often relaxing at home in the evenings.

[4] If you cover your territory several times while using one Topic for Conversation, it is beneficial to vary your introduction. You can find appropriate introductions on pages 9-15 in the *Reasoning* book. Use these to help start conversations with those you meet.—Prov. 1:5.

[5] Another way to vary your introduction is to offer a tract. Tie the subject of the tract in with the Topic for Conversation. Also, make use of current news events. Asking questions about such things may provide a basis for a fine discussion.

WITNESS TO ALL

[6] Do you spend about 50 percent of your service time making return visits and conducting Bible studies? If you keep a separate house-to-house record of those who show interest, you will be able to give your record of not-at-homes to the one holding the territory. Be sure to call back promptly on all who accept literature as well as on any others who show interest.

[7] We will be able to reach even more people with the good news if we are alert to all our opportunities to give a witness. For example, while working our territory, we often see people leaving homes or apartments. Wherever possible and appropriate, why not briefly offer the magazines or a tract?

[8] Even where territory is worked each week, keep in mind that very likely there are honesthearted ones who have not yet been found even though we have made repeated efforts to contact them. And though you have witnessed at the same door previously, you may meet a different person this time. Therefore, like the apostles, let us witness thoroughly in our assigned territory. —Acts 8:14, 25; 20:20, 21.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

- **District conventions in Bahamas were attended by 2,212, and 40 were baptized. Their publisher peak was 974.**
- **Bolivia continues to report fine growth, reaching a new peak of 5,823 publishers in July. This represents a 17-percent increase over last year's average.**
- **Burkina Faso reached a new peak of 388 publishers in July.**
- **An all-time peak of 11,366 publishers was reported by Costa Rica during July. A new peak of 15,265 Bible studies was reached.**
- **Ghana had a new peak of 34,284 publishers for July, a 12.7-percent increase over last year's average. Their July figure of 56,650 Bible studies is also the peak for this year.**
- **Guadeloupe, with a peak of 5,565 publishers, had 12,488 in attendance at their district conventions, and 266 were baptized.**

Announcements *(Cont'd)*

- Many brothers desire to have a tour of the Jersey City Assembly Hall when they visit the Society's headquarters in Brooklyn. The Assembly Hall will be open for tours Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tours are not conducted after 5:00 p.m. or on weekends.
- Beginning in January 1989, the *Awake!* will be published monthly in the Arabic language. The subscription rate for this monthly magazine will be $2.50.
- New Publications Available:

  New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures—With References (*Rbi8*) —Dutch

  New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures (Deluxe pocket edition; *DLbi25*), available in black or maroon —Italian

  Comprehensive Concordance —Danish

  Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation? —Thai

  Organized to Accomplish Our Ministry —Dutch, Finnish

  Revelation—Its Grand Climax at Hand! —Danish, Dutch, Finnish, German, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Portuguese, Swedish

  You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth —Burmese

  Enjoy Life on Earth Forever! —Bassa (Liberia), Kekchi

  "Look! I Am Making All Things New" (Brochure) —Hungarian, Kuna, Maltese, Turkish

  The Government That Will Bring Paradise —Kinyarwanda

- New Cassette Recordings Available:

  Jeremiah, Lamentations (set of five; congregation and public: $7.50; pioneers: $6.25) —Japanese

- A revised version of *Kingdom Melodies* No. 1 will be available on January 1, 1989. This cassette includes only songs from the 1984 songbook and was rerecorded by the Society's orchestra using newer recording methods to make the music more enjoyable. Eventually this will also be the case with *Kingdom Melodies* Nos. 2 and 3. However, do not order these at this time, as announcements will be made when cassettes become available.

  Kingdom Melodies No. 1 (congregation and public: $2.00; pioneers: $1.75)

- A convenient, empty eight-cassette storage album is now available for preserving your *Kingdom Melodies* cassettes.

  Kingdom Melodies Album (without cassettes) (congregation and public: $5.00; pioneers: $4.00)

- The following publications are now available in grade-two English Braille:

  New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures (Hebrew Scriptures, 14 volumes; Greek Scriptures, 4 volumes) in vinyl binders. Complete set of 18 volumes for $144.00, or $8.00 per volume

  Revelation—Its Grand Climax at Hand! (four volumes in vinyl binders: $32.00)

  Examining the Scriptures Daily—1989 (four volumes: $5.00)

  Theocratic Ministry School Schedule for 1989 (free upon request)

To obtain Braille publications, send a separate order to the Society's BRAILLE DESK, giving the name and address of the person who will use them. Include remittance for purchase. Do not include with congregation orders for printed literature.